

Legal Guardianship –OR- Emancipated Minor 2020-2021

Name: _____	
Date of Birth: _____	MSU Denver ID#: _____
E-mail: _____	Phone Number: _____
I affirm that I have read, understood, and agreed to this form in its entirety and that the information supplied is true and complete.	
Signature: _____	Date: _____

On your **2020-2021 FAFSA**, you answered “YES” to question 53 or 54 - indicating that you are or were an **EMANCIPATED MINOR (53)** –OR– that you are or were under the **LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP (54)** of someone other than you parent or step-parent. If “YES” was the correct response, you will need to provide documentation of the official court decision.

Please **check the appropriate box below and provide the required documentation**. Include your student ID on all pages of documentation.

I am or I was an **emancipated minor** as determined by a court in my state of legal residence.

You MUST provide the following **required documentation**:

- A copy of a **court’s decision** that as of today you are an emancipated minor –OR– A copy of a **court’s decision** that you were an emancipated minor immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state.

I am or I was in **legal guardianship** as determined by a court in my state of legal residence. Court documents must state legal guardianship. Allocation of Parental Custody is not considered Legal Guardianship.

You MUST provide the following **required documentation**:

- A copy of a **court’s decision** that as of today you are in a legal guardianship –OR– A copy of a **court’s decision** that you were in a legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state.

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I made an **ERROR** on my financial aid application, due to one of the following reasons...

- I have never been an emancipated minor nor have I ever been in a legal guardianship.
- I am still a minor, but the court’s emancipation decision is no longer in effect.
- I am an adult and the court’s emancipation decision was not in effect when I became an adult.

You **MUST** complete the following **required step** to amend the error:

1. Login to www.fafsa.gov, and “Make FAFSA Corrections” to your existing 2020-2021 application. After updating your answer to “NO” within the “Dependency Status” tab, **you will be required to provide parental information AND a parent signature.** After making the necessary changes, be sure to resubmit the FAFSA for processing. You will receive a confirmation page when the submission is complete. Additional documentation may be requested.

*If your court documents indicate “**custody**” or “**reallocation of parental responsibilities,**” it does NOT pertain to emancipated minor or legal guardianship, and you will be required to update your FAFSA. However, you can still contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships about potentially completing a **Request for Independence - Family Situation Appeal** (also known as the **DEPFAM** Appeal), which is used to determine if you qualify for a “dependency override” based on your family situation.

Office Use Only: **APPROVED** **DENIED** **INCOMPLETE**

Notes/Comments: _____

