

Orphan, Ward of Court or Foster Youth 2021-2022

Name: _____	
Date of Birth: _____	MSU 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 **2021-2022 FAFSA**, you answered “**YES**” to **question 52** - indicating that since the age of 13, you’ve had **NO LIVING PARENT** –and/or– you were in **FOSTER CARE** –and/or– you were a **WARD OF THE COURT**. If “**YES**” was the correct response, you will need to provide legal documentation of your current or past status as an **ORPHAN**, a **FOSTER YOUTH**, or a **WARD OF THE COURT**. All documentation must be submitted to our office at least 3 weeks prior to the end of the semester that you are requesting financial aid consideration for.

Please check the appropriate box below and provide the required documentation. Include your student ID number on every piece of documentation.

- I was an **ORPHAN**. Both of my biological parents are deceased and I have not been adopted – OR– I was adopted after turning the age of 13.*

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

- A copy of **both parents’ death certificates**.

- I am or was a **WARD OF THE COURT** as determined in my state of legal residence. This does not include an incarcerated minor.*

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

- A copy of a **court’s decision** of your ward of court status. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the decision was issued.

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I am or was in **FOSTER CARE** at or after the age of 13.

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

- A copy of a **court's decision** to remove you from your household at or since the age of 13.

I made an **ERROR** on my financial aid application, due to one of the following reasons...
...My biological parents are deceased but I was adopted prior to my 13th birthday.
...I have never been an orphan, a ward of the court, or a foster youth.

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

Login to www.fafsa.gov, and **Make FAFSA Corrections** to your existing 2021-2022 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 submit the FAFSA for processing. You will receive a confirmation page when the submission is complete. Additional documentation may be requested.

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

Notes/Comments: _____

