



Student Financial Services

Proof of Legal Relationship

2023-2024

Student Name: _____ BUID: _____

You reported both parents are deceased, you were in foster care, a dependent or ward of the court, an emancipated minor, or in legal guardianship on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). **Please circle the appropriate answers below, sign, date and return this form, along with required documentation to the address or fax number provided.**

1. At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
 - **YES** Answer “Yes” if
 - You had no living parent (biological or adoptive) at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are now adopted; OR
 - You were in foster care at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer in foster care today; OR
 - You were a dependent or ward of the court at any time since you turned 13, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court as of today.**If YES, you must attach official documentation providing this status.**
 - **NO** Answer “NO” if you do not meet these criteria AND please answer the next question.
2. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor, OR does someone other than your parent or step parent have legal guardianship of you? The definition of legal guardianship does not include your parents, even if they were appointed by a court to be your guardian. You are also not considered a legal guardian of yourself.
 - **YES** Answer “YES” if
 - You can provide a copy of a court’s decision that as of the day you signed your FAFSA you were an emancipated minor or were in legal guardianship; OR
 - You can provide a copy of a court’s decision that you were an emancipated minor or were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court’s decision was issued.**IF YES, you must attach documentation supporting the court’s decision.**
 - **NO** Answer “NO” if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect or the court’s decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult. Also answer “No” and contact our office if custody was awarded by the courts and the court papers say “custody” (not “guardianship”).

If you answered “NO” to both questions, you must update your FAFSA. Please go to www.studentaid.gov to login and make a correction. Change the answer to the relevant questions from “YES” to “NO”. When you change the answer, you may be required to provide parent income, asset and household size information as well as their signature.

I certify that all the information on this form is true and complete. I understand that providing false or misleading information or documents is punishable by fine or imprisonment and may make me liable for repayment of any funds received on the basis of the information and documents I have provided.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____