



Student Name: _____

WIN #: _____

-- Please Print Legibly in Blue or Black Ink Only --

Orphan or Ward of the Court Verification

According to our records, you indicated "yes" on the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) stating either 1) both of your parents are deceased or 2) you are or were (until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court. Your status as an orphan or ward/dependent of the court must be verified before your financial aid eligibility can be finalized.

Please complete and sign this form and attach supporting documentation. **Return all documents to Western's financial aid office at least 30 days prior to your last date of enrollment for the academic year you are requesting financial aid.**

1. Are both of your parents deceased? Yes No

If one of your parents is still living, you must answer no. If you answered yes, **submit** copies of both of your parent's death certificates or signed letters from family members documenting the circumstances.

2. Are you or were you (until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court? Yes No

Students in foster care until age 18 or who are currently in foster care (foster home, group home, or placed with a relative by the court) are wards/dependents of the court. If you were emancipated, convicted of a crime as a juvenile or adult, have a guardian not appointed as a direct result of the court removing you from your home, or your parents are divorced, you are not a ward/dependent of the court. If you answered yes, **submit** a letter from your social worker or court documents verifying you are or were a ward/dependent of the court until age 18.

I hereby certify that this information is true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

We encourage you to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. Many financial aid programs have specific deadlines. Delays in processing your application may result in a reduction or loss of financial aid awards. Be sure to include your name and WIN number on any documents you submit. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us at (269) 387-6000 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Please mail document to: Western Michigan University, Student Financial Aid
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