



2020-2021 Orphan or Ward of the Court or Foster Care Certification

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ UMID: \_\_\_\_\_

According to our records, you indicated "yes" on the 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) stating at any time since you turned 13 you:
• Had no living parent (biological or adoptive), even if you are now adopted; or
• Were in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care today; or
• Were a dependent or ward of the court, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court today. For federal student aid purposes, someone who is incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court.

Your status must be verified before your financial aid eligibility can be finalized. Please complete and sign this form and attach supporting documentation.

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 parents' death certificates, obituaries, or signed letters from family members documenting the circumstances.

2. Are you or were you (at any time since you turned 13) a ward/dependent of the court?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If you were emancipated, incarcerated, have a guardian not appointed by the court, or your parents are divorced, you must answer no. If you answered yes, submit court or legal documents verifying you are or were a ward of the court.

3. Are you or were you (until at any time since you turned 13) in foster care?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If you answered yes, submit court or legal documents verifying you are or were in foster care. Students who have aged out of the foster care system may be eligible for additional assistance. Please contact the Mpowering My Success program at (810) 762-3219 for more information.

I hereby certify that this information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_