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STUDENT ID # **H** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2026-27 Orphan/Ward of the Court or Foster Care Form

On your 2026-27 financial aid application, you indicated that both of your parents are deceased, you were in foster care, or you were a dependent or ward of the court. Please complete this form by checking one of the boxes below, sign and submit it, along with any required documentation, to the financial aid office. Include your student ID number on all documentation submitted. **You should make a copy of this form and all documents for your records.**

- I am an orphan.** Check this box only if you had no living parent (biological or adoptive) at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are now adopted.

**Documentation:** Attach a copy of the death certificate for each of your parents.

- I was in foster care.** Check this box only if you were in foster care at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer in foster care as of today.

**Documentation:** Attach a copy of a court's decision or other documentation to verify your status.

- I am a ward of the court.** Check this box if you were a dependent or ward of the court at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court as of today. For federal student aid purposes, someone who is incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court.

**Documentation:** Attach a copy of a court's decision or other documentation to verify your status.

- I made an error on my financial aid application and I have never been an orphan nor a ward of the court, and neither am I/was I in foster care.\***

\*You must provide your parent(s) information and signature on your financial aid application.

### Sign this Worksheet

*By signing this worksheet, you certify that all information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Financial Aid Office Use Only

- Qualifies--orphan  
 Qualifies--in foster care  
 Qualifies—ward of the court  
 Not eligible--not orphaned, ward of the court, or in foster care since turning 13 years of age

Comments Supporting Decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Review: \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_