

**2017-2018 Orphan, Ward of the Court or Emancipated Youth  
Verification of Independent Student**

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Social Security Number or Student ID		/ / Date of Birth
Address (include apt no.) City		State Zip Code
( ) Student's Phone Number	Student's Email Address	

- Orphan:** a student who does not have an adoptive parent and both biological parents are deceased. Such a student is considered an orphan even if he or she has a legal guardian.
  
- Ward of the Court:** a student qualifies as a ward of the court if the court has assumed custody of him or her. Students who remain in legal custody of their parents while the court imposes its authority over them are not considered to be wards of the court. Emancipation (when a child is released from control of a parent or guardian) does not qualify him or her as a ward of the court.
  
- Emancipated or Unaccompanied Youth:** as determined by court in your state of legal residence, by the school district homeless liaison or the director of an emergency shelter funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**I certify that I am an orphan, ward of the court, an emancipated or unaccompanied youth according to the Department of Education definitions listed above. I will provide parent death certificates or documentation from the court to verify this information. Also certify that all of the information provided on my application for financial aid is true and correct.**

Print Student's Name	Student's ID Number
Student's Signature (Required)	Date