



2022-2023 FAFSA VERIFICATION OF DEPENDENCY STATUS

Financial Aid Office

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Student's Full Name

Student ID (R#)

Permanent Street Address

Rhodes State Student Email

City, State, Zip

On your FAFSA, you answered "Yes" to question 53 indicating that any time since you turned age 13, you were an orphan (both your parents are deceased), you were in foster care, or you were a dependent or ward of the court. Per federal regulations, we are required to verify this information.

Please check the box that best represents your situation and submit the required documentation as required. Failure to comply with this request in a timely manner will significantly delay the processing of your financial aid application.

Select	Situation	Description	Documentation Required
	I am an Orphan	Both my biological parents were/are deceased at any time since I turned 13 years old (even if you are now adopted). DO NOT check this box if only one parent is deceased and you do not know where your other parent is.	Submit a copy of your birth certificate and death certificates for each of your parents.
	I am/was in foster care	I am/was in foster care since the age of 13 (even if you are no longer in foster care now).	Submit a copy of the court decree or legal documents.
	I am/was a ward of the court	I am/was a ward of the court at any time from the time I turned 13 (even if you are no longer a ward of the court now).	Submit a copy of the court decree or legal documents.
	I made an error on my FAFSA	I am/was neither an orphan, in foster care, or a ward of the court since the age of 13.	You must correct the information on your FAFSA to answer "NO" to question 53 and provide your parent (s)' financial information. You and one parent must then sign the FAFSA

* The Financial Aid Office will receive an electronic copy of your corrected FAFSA from the US Department of Education approximately 7-14 days after you submit the signed correction.

NOTE: If your situation is not defined on this form, you will need to contact the Financial Aid Office and speak to a Financial Aid Advisor for further clarification and direction.

AFFIRMATION STATEMENT

I certify that the information provided on this form and any documentation submitted is to document my independent status is true and complete. I also understand that changes made to my FAFSA information based on the documentation I provide to the Financial Aid Office may result in a change of my financial aid eligibility.

Student's Signature

Date

