

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ RCC ID: \_\_\_\_\_

If you can answer “Yes” to one or more, you may qualify as “Independent”.

- \_\_\_ **Orphan** – No living parent (biological or adoptive) since you turned 13  
**Documentation:** Submit a signed statement listing the names of your deceased birth/adopted parents, their death certificates, your birth certificate.
  
- \_\_\_ **Foster Care** – You were in foster care at any time since you turned 13, even if you are no longer in foster care as of today.  
**Documentation:** Submit DHS/court documentation showing status.
  
- \_\_\_ **Ward of the Court** – You were assigned by a court order at any time since you turned 13, even if you’re no longer dependent/ward of the court today. For Federal Aid purposes, incarceration does not qualify one as a ward of the court.  
**Documentation:** Submit Court Orders/Records
  
- \_\_\_ **Emancipated Minor** – You were an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residency. This does not apply to you if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect, or if the decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult.  
**Documentation:** Submit Court Orders/Records
  
- \_\_\_ **Legal Guardianship** – You were in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence. This does not apply if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect. For Federal Aid purposes, incarceration does not qualify a student as being in legal guardianship.  
**Documentation:** Submit Court Orders/Records
  
- \_\_\_ I answered incorrectly and will make the necessary corrections to my 2023/2024 FAFSA, including adding my parent(s) complete information and signature.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit documents to: Financial Aid Advising**  
3345 Redwood Highway, Grants Pass, OR 97527  
**General Phone:** 541.956.7501 **Fax:** 541.471.3585  
**Email:** Contact your Financial Aid Advisor based on your pathway  
at <https://www.roguecc.edu/RCCfinAid/>