

Name _____ RCC ID _____

If you can answer “yes” to one of these categories and provide the acceptable documentation, you may qualify as Independent for Financial Aid.

- ___ **Orphan** – No living parent (biological or adoptive) since you turned 13
Documentation: Signed statement listing the names of your deceased birth/adopted parents, their death certificates, and 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: Department of Human Services (DHS) or 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: Court Orders/Records

- ___ **Emancipated Minor** – You are (or 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 This does not apply to you if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect, or if the decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult.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: Court Orders/Records

- ___ **Legal Guardianship** – You are in legal guardianship as of today, or immediately before you reached the age of being an adult, **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 This does not apply if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect.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: Court Orders/Records

- ___ **Veteran or Active Duty** – You are a veteran or currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes **other than training**.
Documentation: DD214 for a veteran (character of service anything other than "dishonorable"). For Active duty, a signed and dated letter from your commanding officer that states: (a) your department, component and branch, (b) that you are on active duty, and (c) your upcoming release date.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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