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Independent Status Confirmation Form
(Orphan, Ward of the Court, Emancipated Minor, Legal Guardianship, and Unaccompanied Homeless Youth)

Name _____ SSN or SID: _____

Email _____ Telephone Number: _____

According to the information received from the Federal Processing Center, you answered “yes” to one or more of the following questions on your 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Please indicate the status which applies and submit this form, along with the required documentation, to our office within the next ten (10) business days in order to proceed with your eligibility determination:

Question 53: Orphan or Ward of the Court

- ☐ **ORPHAN:** When you were age 13 or older, were both your parents deceased? Yes () No ()
Answer “yes” if you had no living parent (biological or adoptive) at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are now adopted. If you answered yes, please provide a copy of your parents’ death certificate.
- ☐ **FOSTER CARE:** When you were age 13 or older, were you in foster care? Yes () No ()
Answer “yes” 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 the date you completed your FAFSA. If you answered yes, please provide a copy of the court document establishing your status.
- ☐ **WARD OF THE COURT:** When you were age 13 or older, were you a dependent or ward of the court? Yes () No ()
Answer “yes” 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 the date you completed your FAFSA. If you answered yes, please provide a copy of the court document establishing your status.

Question 54-55: Emancipated Minor or Legal Guardianship

- ☐ **EMANCIPATED MINOR:** Are you or were you an Emancipated Minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? Yes () No () What is your legal state of residence? _____ If you answered “yes”, please provide a copy of the court’s decision establishing that you were an Emancipated Minor immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state of Residence. The court must have been located in your state of legal residence at the time that the court’s decision was issued. Answer “No” if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect or the court decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult.
- ☐ **LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP:** Are you or were you in Legal Guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? Yes () No () What is your legal state of residence? _____ If you answered “yes”, please provide a copy of the court’s decision establishing that you were in Legal Guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state of Residence. The court must have been located in your state of legal residence at the time that the court’s decision was issued. Answer “No” if custody was awarded by the courts and the court papers say “custody” (not guardianship).

Question 56-58: Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

- ☐ At any time on or after July 1, 2015, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of being homeless? Yes () No () If you answered “yes”, please provide a written determination letter from the applicable source utilizing the “Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification Form”.
- ☐ At any time on or after July 1, 2015, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of being homeless? Yes () No () If you answered “yes”, please provide a written determination letter from the applicable source utilizing the “Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification Form”.
- ☐ At any time on or after July 1, 2015, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basis center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? Yes () No () If you answered “yes”, please provide a written determination letter from the applicable source utilizing the “Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification Form”.

☐ **Section II. Certification Statement**

I certify that the information I have provided is accurate and complete.

Signature _____ Date _____

**** Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, you may receive disciplinary action, penalties, and/or denial of financial aid. ****

