



**Independent Student Clarification Form  
2009-2010**

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**Student Name**

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**Student PID (P00xxxxxxxx)**



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**Student Signature**

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**Date**

On your 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated that you are an independent student for financial aid purposes due to one of the following reasons:

- You were an orphan, a foster child, or a ward of the court on or after age 13.
- You are an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of residence.
- You are in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of residence.

Our office must verify your status as an independent student. Please answer the following questions below and submit this form along with the required documents listed to our office.

- Are both of your biological or adoptive parents deceased?
  - Yes. If yes, **submit** both your biological or adoptive father's and mother's death certificates.
  - No. Continue with this form.
- On or after age 13, were you in foster care?
  - Yes. If yes, **submit** formal documentation of your status as a foster child at age 13.
  - No. Continue with this form.
- On or after age 13, were you placed in the custody of a state, county, or court system?
  - Yes. If yes, **submit** formal documentation of your status as a ward of the court at age 13.
  - No. Continue with this form.
- As of today, are you an emancipated minor or are you in legal guardianship determined by a court?
  - Yes. If yes, **submit** court documentation of your current legal status of emancipation or legal guardianship.
  - No. Continue with this form.
- Were you adopted prior to age 13 and your adoptive parent is living?
  - Yes. If yes, you must **submit** a FAFSA Parental Information Form with your adoptive parental income information and signature(s). To obtain this form go to [www.ohio.edu/financialaid](http://www.ohio.edu/financialaid) and select "forms".
  - No. Continue with this form.

If none of the previous situations describe your circumstances, you must be considered a dependent student. In this case, you must **submit** a FAFSA Parental Information Form with your biological parental income information and signature(s). To obtain this form go to [www.ohio.edu/financialaid](http://www.ohio.edu/financialaid) and select "forms".

If there are extenuating circumstances between you and your biological/adoptive parents, please give a brief, but specific description of your current relationship with both your father and mother.

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