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Financial Aid

## Orphan/Ward of the Court Clarification Form 2008-2009

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**Student Name**

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**Student PID (P00xxxxxxx)**

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**Student Signature**



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**Date**

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**Parent Signature if applicable**

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**Date**

On your 2008-2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated that you are an orphan or a ward of the court. Based on this affirmation, you are currently being considered as an independent student for financial aid purposes. Our office must verify your status. Please answer the following questions below and submit this form along with required documentation to our office.

- Are both of your biological or adoptive parents deceased?
  - Yes. If yes is your answer, submit:
    - Biological/Adoptive Father's Death Certificate
    - Biological/Adoptive Mother's Death Certificate
  - No. Continue with this form.
  
- Were you placed in the custody of the state, county, or court system and did you remain in that custody until you reached age 18?
  - No. If no is your answer, your biological/adoptive parental information and signature(s) are required on your FAFSA. You must submit:
    - FAFSA Parental Information Form – To obtain this form go to [www.ohio.edu/financialaid](http://www.ohio.edu/financialaid) and select "forms".
  - Yes. Continue with this form.
  
- Was your custody placed with a friend or relative for temporary or permanent guardianship?
  - Yes. If yes is your answer, your biological/adoptive parental information and signature(s) are required on your FAFSA. You must submit:
    - FAFSA Parental Information Form – To obtain this form go to [www.ohio.edu/financialaid](http://www.ohio.edu/financialaid) and select "forms".
  - No. If no is your answer, submit:
    - Court documentation proving you were in the custody of the state, county, or court system and remained in that custody until age 18.

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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