



Seward County Community College ♦ Financial Aid Office

2019-2020 Verification - Orphan/Ward of the Court/Foster Youth

You indicated on the FAFSA application that you are an orphan or were a ward of the court. You should have answered "Yes" on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) if at any time since you turned age 13 you met the criteria below. Read the definitions below for an explanation of whether you will be considered Independent for financial aid processing.

- You had no living parent (biological or adoptive) even if you are now adopted
- You were in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care today
- You were a dependent or ward of the court, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court today. For federal student aid purposes, someone previously incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court.

Check the correct box below and return this form to the SCCC Financial Aid Office. You are required to provide documentation of any Orphan/Ward of the Court/Foster Youth status.

- Orphan** – You are considered an orphan if you had no living parent (both of your parents are deceased – biological or adoptive, even if you are now adopted) since you turned the age of 13.
- Ward of Court or Foster Youth** – If you were a Ward of the Court or have been in foster care, you **are required to provide documentation before the Financial Aid Office is able to continue the financial aid process.** You may submit a court order or a letter from your social worker on official letterhead indicating "Proof of Wardship" status with the Juvenile Court System.
- Ward of the Court living with your parents under the monitoring of the criminal legal system ordered by the court and/or you were incarcerated.**
 - If the above is true, you are considered a Dependent student. You have **not** met the Federal definition of "ward of the court" and you will be required to provide your parents' information in the Parent section of the FAFSA. You must make this correction before the Financial Aid Office will be able to determine your financial aid eligibility.

Student comments/explanation:

Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sentenced to prison, or both.

Student's Name ID Number

Student's signature Date