



Name of Financial Aid Applicant (Please print):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN TO:**

Financial Aid Office  
8045 E. Chapman Ave., Orange, CA 92869  
Rm. E-104 | (714) 628-4876 | finaid@sccollege.edu

**ORPHAN OR WARD OF THE COURT VERIFICATION**

You have reported that you are an orphan or “ward of the court” on the FAFSA application. Please read the bullet points below for an explanation of whether you will be considered an orphan or ward of the court:

- ◆ (FAFSA Q-53) At any time since you turned 13, you had **no living parent** (biological or adoptive), even if you are now adopted; or
- ◆ (FAFSA Q-53) At any time since you turned 13, you were in **foster care**, even if you are no longer in foster care today; or
- ◆ (FAFSA Q-54) You were determined by a court in your state of legal to be an **emancipated minor**; or
- ◆ (FAFSA Q-55) Someone other than your parent or stepparent have **legal guardianship** of you as determined by a court in your state of legal residence.

**If after reading the above explanations you are considered an orphan or ward of the court, check the box below that best describes your situation:**

- ORPHAN** – Check here if you are an 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. You may be required to provide documentation (i.e. parent’s death certificates).
- 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 we are able to continue the financial aid process. You may submit a court order or a letter from your social worker on official county letterhead “Proof of Ward ship” status with the Juvenile Court System.  
*Please Note: For federal student aid purposes, someone who is incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court.*
- EMANCIPATED MINOR** – I am providing documentation to verify that I became an emancipated minor by court order and remained one until the age of 18. I was emancipated on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_ at the age of \_\_\_\_\_ in the state of \_\_\_\_\_. Please attach a copy of the court order.
- MINOR IN LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP BEFORE THE AGE OF 18** – I am providing documentation to verify that I was in legal guardianship ordered by the court on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_ at the age of \_\_\_\_\_ in the state of \_\_\_\_\_. Please attach a copy of the court order.

1. Have you applied for the \$5,000 Chafee Grant for former Foster Youth? Yes  No   
(It is recommended that you may apply for the Chafee Grant online at: [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov)).

**Certification and Signature**

I certify that these are the educational expenses I pay and are not provided for by any other agency. By signing below I also certify that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

**WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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