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2024-2025 LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP VERIFICATION

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M.I.	STUDENT ID #
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You reported on the 2024-2025 FAFSA that you are under **“Legal Guardianship”**. We are required to confirm your status.

IMPORTANT! You must provide a copy of a court’s decision that as of today you are in legal guardianship and has been immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court’s decision was issued.

NOTE: Legal Guardianship does not include your parents even if they were appointed by a court to be your guardian. You are also not considered legal guardian of yourself.

If the above is true, you are considered a dependent student. You will be required to provide your parents’ income on the FAFSA. You have not met the Federal definition of ‘ward of the court.’ A correction will be required to determine your financial aid eligibility.

- Were you ever in the Foster Care Program? Yes___ No___
- Were you in Foster Care at any time since you turned 13 years old? Yes___ No___
If you are not sure if you were in foster care, check with your state child welfare agency. You can find that agency’s contact information at <https://www.childwelfare.gov/nfcad/>. You must submit proof of your Foster Care status.
- Have you applied for the \$5,000 Chafee Grant for former Foster Youth? Yes___ No___
If you answer is “NO” and you were in foster care, you should apply for the Chafee Grant with the State Agency of your Legal Residence.
- Have you been adopted? Yes___ No___
If yes, please report your adopted parent’s information on the FAFSA.

Student comments and explanation:

Signature_____

Date_____