

## 2025-2026 Legal Guardianship Verification

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**On the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated that you are or were in legal guardianship. Please complete the appropriate box below to verify your status.**

- ☐ **I certify that I am, or was, in legal guardianship as determined by a court in my state of legal residence.** In order to be eligible for this status, you must have been placed in legal guardianship as rendered by a court located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued. You either have to be in legal guardianship at the time you completed your FAFSA, or had been in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. **(Legal custody or unofficial guardianship/custody do not qualify as legal guardianship.)**

- Please attach a copy of the court orders signed by a judge designating your status as being in legal guardianship of another.

- ☐ **I am not considered to be in legal guardianship.** Since you do not qualify as an independent student based on being in a legal guardianship, you will need to:

Correct your FAFSA by answering **NO** to the question #54 - "As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship?" in STEP 3.

- Complete the FAFSA with parent information in STEP 4.

I declare that all the information reported on this document is true and accurate. I understand that any false statement or misrepresentation will be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal and/or repayment of financial aid.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_