

Proof of Orphan/Ward of the Court Status

Student Information

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Your status for financial aid as an independent student is based solely on your answer to question 53 on the FAFSA you are or were an **Orphan or Ward of the Court** at some point *after you turned 13*. Please submit legal documentation confirming that status. To verify your status as an Orphan or Ward of the Court, we require the following:

I am a/an (Please check one):

Orphan

A copy of both parents death certificates and a copy of your birth certificate. If your birth certificate shows only one parent's name, submit a copy of that parent's death certificate and your birth certificate. In order to be considered independent, your status as an orphan had to have occurred at some point on or after your 13th birthday.

Ward/Dependent of the Court or Foster Care

Court orders or a letter from your DSS (Department of Social Services) case worker indicating that you are/were a ward of the court or in foster care at some point since your 13th birthday.

Neither an Orphan or a Ward of the Court

Please complete the following items:

- Go to www.fafsa.gov to update your FAFSA, question **53**, to "NO."
- Include parental information on the FAFSA, if you have not already done so.

Please provide your signature. By providing your signature, you are certifying that all of the information on this form is complete and correct. You are also authorizing Central Piedmont Community College to make corrections to your original and/or subsequent applications based on the documents you are now submitting

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Warning: According to the U.S. Department of Education, if you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be subject to a fine of up to \$20,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.

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You may submit in person, fax, or mail your documents to any of our six locations.