

Proof of Orphan/Ward of the Court/Foster Care Status (2025–26)

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, imprisonment for up to five years, or both.

Student Information (Please Print)

Last Name: First Name:

Middle Initial: Student ID Number:

Student Email Address:

Street Address
(Include Apartment Number):

City: State: Zip Code:

Phone Number (Include Area Code):

Indicate Your Status

Your status as an independent student for federal financial aid purposes is based upon your answer to questions regarding your dependency on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In order to complete the financial aid process, please select the status that represents your situation and submit the required documentation. Your financial aid cannot be processed until all required documentation has been received and evaluated.

Select a status and submit the required documents related to that status.

Status	Required Documentation
☐ I am an orphan. Select this status only if you had no living parent (biological or adoptive) at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are now adopted.	Attach a copy of your birth certificate and the death certificate of each of your parents.
☐ I was in foster care Select this status if you were in foster care at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer in foster care as of today.	Attach a copy of the state Department of Human Services Verification of Court/State Ward Status from your caseworker.
☐ I am (or was) a state ward of the court Select this status if you were a dependent or ward of the court at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court as of today.	Attach a copy of the court decree from the DSS Case Worker.

Status	Required Documentation
☐ I am (or was) a county ward of the court Select this status if you were a dependent or ward of the court at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court as of today.	Attach a copy of the Letters of Guardianship or Order of Discharge from guardianship
☐ I made an error on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). I am/was neither an orphan nor a ward of the court, and neither am I/was I in foster care.	You and one parent must correct the information on your FAFSA.

Certification and Signature

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: _____