

Verification of Emancipated Minor/Legal Guardianship (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):

INSTRUCTIONS: On the FAFSA you answered “yes” to the question, stating that you are an emancipated minor or you were a “ward” under legal guardianship. Additional information is needed for us to determine whether you meet the criteria to answer “yes” to one of

these questions, thereby making you independent for financial aid purposes. Your financial aid cannot be processed until this information is received.

Please mark the category below that pertains to your specific situation. Be sure you answer any questions that follow.

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

☐ I am an Emancipated Minor

Select this status only if before reaching the age of majority in your state (usually age 18) you were released from the control of your parent or guardian as determined by a court of law in the state of which you were a resident of at the time.

Note: Emancipate does NOT mean you pay for your own bills and your parents do not support you.

Requirements

Attach a copy of the court papers, signed by a judge, verifying your status as an emancipated minor.

If you do not have court papers, you cannot be considered independent based on an emancipated minor status for financial aid purposes

1. Date the court declared you an emancipated minor:

2. Your age at the time:

☐ I was under Legal Guardianship of someone other than a Parent.

Select this status only if upon reaching the age of majority in your state (usually 18), someone other than your biological or adoptive parent(s) was appointed as your legal guardian by a court of law in the state of which you were a resident of at the time.

Note: Legal guardianship is NOT the same as legal custody. If you were in legal custody of someone, you would answer "no" to the FAFSA questions 54 and/or 55.

Requirements

Attach a copy of the court papers, signed by a judge, verifying that someone other than your parent was appointed your legal guardianship.

If you do not have court papers, you cannot be considered independent based on legal guardianship for financial aid purposes.

1. Date the court appointed someone other than your parent as your legal guardian:

2. Your age at the time:

3. Name of the person(s) appointed as your Legal Guardian:

4. Were you appointed a guardian because the court deemed you incompetent/incapable of administering your affairs?

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: _____