



2023-2024 Proof of Orphan/Ward of the Court Status

Student Name: _____

CVCC Student ID: _____

Your status for financial aid as an independent student is based solely on your answer to question 49 on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The question reads: *“At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?”* To verify your status as an Orphan or Ward of the Court, we require the following:

I am a/an (check one):

Orphan

Provide: A copy of both parent’s death certificates and a copy of your birth certificate, or a copy of one parent’s death certificate showing only one parent’s name. In order to be considered independent, your status as an orphan had to have occurred at some point since your 13th birthday.

Ward of the Court

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

Neither an Orphan or a Ward of the Court

Please complete the following items:

- Make a correction on your FAFSA, updating **Question 49** to “NO”.
- include parental information on the FAFSA, if you have not already done so.

Certification and Signature

By signing this form, I certify that all information is true and complete. I understand that if I am found to have knowingly or intentionally given false or fraudulent statements and/or documentation, my request will be denied, and my eligibility may be jeopardized.

Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

Signature cannot be typed.

Student’s Signature: _____

Date: _____