



San Bernardino

Valley College

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

## 2016-2017 Orphan/Ward of the Court/Emancipation/Legal Guardian Verification Form

Last Name

First Name

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Student ID

Date of Birth

The Financial Aid Office at San Bernardino Valley College has received the results from your 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and has determined that additional information is needed regarding your orphan/ward of the court/emancipation or legal guardianship status. Please complete this form, attach the appropriate documentation and submit to the Financial Aid Office. The Financial Aid Office cannot determine your financial aid eligibility until you submit this form, with supporting documentation, to our office.

You indicated on your FAFSA application that you were an orphan or ward of the court, that you became an emancipated minor by court order and remained one until the age of 18, or are under legal guardianship. Please answer the following questions:

1. At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased? ☐ YES ☐ NO  
*\*If both of your parents are deceased and you do not have adoptive parents, you must provide copies of both parents' death certificates.*
2. At any time since you turned age 13, were you in foster care, or a ward/dependent of the court? ☐ YES ☐ NO  
*\*If yes, you must attach a copy of the entire court documents that reflect your status or a letter from a Social Services agency stating that you were a ward of the court until your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.*
3. Are you (or were you until the age of 18) under legal guardianship ordered by the court? ☐ YES ☐ NO  
*\*If yes, you must attach a copy of the court order reflecting your legal guardianship status.*
4. Are you (or were you until the age of 18) an emancipated minor by court order and remained one until the age of 18? ☐ YES ☐ NO  
*\*If yes, you must attach a copy of the court order indicating legal emancipation.*

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, you are considered to be an independent student for financial aid purposes. Please attach the requested documentation and sign the certification below. If you answered "No" to all questions, go to question #5.

5. At any time before turning age 13, were you adopted? ☐ YES ☐ NO  
*If yes, you must provide your adoptive parent(s) information and income information on your FAFSA application.*

If you answered "Yes" to question number 5, or "No" to questions 1 through 4, you will need to file your FAFSA application as a dependent student using your parents or adoptive parents information by answering "No" to the Orphan/Ward of the Court (Question #53), "No" to Emancipated Minor (Question #54), and "No" to Legal Guardianship (Question #55). You will also need to add all parent information (Questions 59 through 94) including the parent signature (#105) on your FAFSA application ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)).

### Certification and Signature

By signing below you are certifying that all of the information reported is complete and correct. **WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.**

Student's Signature

Date