
Orphan or Ward of the Court Worksheet

Student Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Redlands ID or SSN
Street Address	City	State	Zip
			Phone or Cell Phone Number

According to our records, you indicated on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that either your parents are deceased, or you are (or were until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court. This information must be verified before the processing of your federal financial aid application can be completed. Please complete this form and return it with all required documentation to the address listed above.

- At any time since you turned 13, were both of your parents deceased?
- Yes
 No

If the answer is yes, you must submit copies of each of your parent's death certificates.

- At any time since you turned 13, were you in foster care or ward of the court?
- Yes
 No

If you answered yes, you must submit copies of court or legal documents verifying your status. A student qualifies as a **ward of the court** if the court has assumed custody of him/her. In some states the court may impose its authority over a juvenile who remains in the legal custody of his/her parents; such a student is not a ward of the court. Also, neither emancipation (when a child is released from control of a parent or a guardian) nor incarceration of a student qualifies him/her as a ward of the court.

If you are or were in foster care between the ages of 16 and 18 as a dependent or ward of the court and have financial need, you may qualify for up to \$5,000 a year through the California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth. You may apply for the Chafee Grant online at: www.chafee.csac.ca.gov.

If you answered **“no”** to **both of the above** questions, you are considered a dependent for the purposes of Federal Student Aid and you must correct your FAFSA to include your parent(s) information. You may make this correction online at www.fafsa.gov.

Certification Statement:

I certify that all of the information reported above, used to determine eligibility for federal financial aid, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I receive federal student aid based on incorrect information, I will need to repay it; I may be required to pay fines and fees.

Student's Signature (Required)

Date