



# OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

## Dependency Status Verification Worksheet 2023-2024

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Student:

You have reported on your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) that you are currently in a legal guardianship, are an orphan/ward of the court, are considered to be homeless by your high school/district homeless liaison/director of an emergency shelter/director of a runaway shelter, are emancipated, or have extenuating circumstances that affect your dependency status. **Please check the status that applies to you. Return this signed form and all required documentation to the Financial Aid Office.**

I am subject to a legal guardianship determination within my state of residence and I can provide court documentation verifying that I was in a legal guardianship placement immediately before the age of being an adult in my state. Reminder: The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was made.

**Documentation Requirement:** The student must provide a copy of the court's determination of the legal guardianship, plus a letter from the student detailing their unique situation and two additional letters of reference (from individuals who are aware of the student's situation) detailing the student's status. One reference can be a relative and the other must be someone outside of the family.

Since I turned age 13, I have had no living biological or adoptive parents (even if you are now adopted).

**Documentation Requirement:** Letter from the student detailing their unique situation and two additional letters of reference (from individuals who are aware of the student's situation) detailing the student's status. One reference can be a relative and the other must be someone outside of the family.

Since I turned age 13, I was in foster care (even if not in foster care today), or I was a dependent/ward of the court (even if not a ward as of today). Reminder: A student who is incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court.

**Documentation Requirement:** Court documentation of foster care/ward of the court status or letter from social services case worker verifying the student's foster care/ward of the court status after age 13.

I have been declared an emancipated minor in a court in my state of legal residence.

**Documentation Requirement:** The student must provide the court documentation verifying emancipation.

It has been determined by a high school/school district homeless liaison, director of an emergency shelter, or transitional housing program, or the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic shelter or transitional living program that I am an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or self-supporting.

**Documentation Requirement:** The student must provide a signed statement from the school or the other personnel as listed above stating the student meets the criteria to be considered an unaccompanied youth.

I do not meet any of the criteria listed above, however, I have extenuating circumstances that affect my living situation.

**Documentation Requirement:** Letter from the student detailing their unique situation and two additional letters of reference (from individuals who are aware of the student's situation) detailing the student's status. One reference can be a relative and the other must be someone outside of the family.

Please return all documents to Ferrum College, Financial Aid Office, P.O. Box 1000, Ferrum VA 24088 or by fax to (540) 365-4266.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_