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2025-2026 ORPHAN/WARD OF THE COURT FORM

STUDENT INFORMATION

Please complete this verification form and provide copies of all requested paperwork to Governors State University. Incomplete paperwork will not be accepted, thereby delaying the processing of your financial aid award.

Student Name: (Please Print) Last First GSU ID # Last 4 digits of SS#:

Permanent Home Address: City State Zip Code

Student's Date of Birth: Home Phone #: Cell #:

Email Address: @student.govst.edu

On your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated that you are considered independent because you are an orphan or a ward of the court (or had been a ward of the court until reaching age 18). Please further explain your status:

- I am an orphan. Documentation: Attach a copy of the death certificate of each of your parent(s).
I am a ward of the court, or was a ward of the court until age 18. Documentation: Attach a copy of the court decree from the FIA.
I was in foster care. Documentation: Attach a copy of the state Department of Human Services Verification of Court/State Ward Status form from your case worker.
I made an error on my FAFSA. Requirement: Correct the information on your FAFSA by providing your parent(s) information and signature on your FAFSA Submission Summary.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify that all information reported on this document is true, complete, and accurate. I understand that any false statements or misrepresentation will be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal and/or repayment of financial aid.

Student's Signature Date

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