

**2007-2008 Orphan/ Ward of the Court  
Verification**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ BGSU ID# \_\_\_\_\_

According to our records, you indicated 'yes' to question #53 on the 2007-2008 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) stating either: (1) both of your parents are deceased or (2) you are or were (until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court. Your status as an orphan or ward/dependent of the court must be verified before your financial aid eligibility can be finalized.

**\*\* YOUR AID CANNOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL THIS FORM AND  
ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ARE RETURNED TO STUDENT FINANCIAL AID \*\***

Please respond to the following questions:

1. Are 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. Are you currently a ward of the court?  Yes\*  No  
*\* If yes, you must attach a copy of the entire court document indicating your status.*

3. Were you a ward of the court until your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday?  Yes\*  No  
*\* If yes, you must attach a copy of the entire court document indicating your status, **OR** a letter from a social services agency familiar with your circumstances that you were a ward of the court until your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

Attached is court documentation or a letter from a social services agency documenting my status.

*\*If you answered "NO" to all three questions, go to #4.*

4. Do you have an adopted parent?  Yes\*  No  
*\*If yes, you must provide adoptive parent income information on the FAFSA.*

*\*If you answered "Yes" to question 4 and "No" to questions 1 – 3, you will need to correct your FAFSA on the web as a dependent student using parents' or adoptive parents' information at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).*

I certify that the information provided to document my independent status is true and complete.

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