

Student Name: _____

BGSU ID #: _____

You indicated on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that you are an orphan (both parents are deceased) or you are or were a ward or dependent of the court before reaching the age of 18. Your status as either must be verified before your financial aid can be finalized.

Please respond to the following questions:

1. Were you born before January 1, 1985?

- Yes. If you checked this box you do not need to answer additional questions. Sign this form and submit it to Student Financial Aid.
- No. If you checked this box continue to question 2.

2. Are both of your natural or adoptive parents deceased?

- Yes. If you checked this box you are required to provide copies of death certificates for each parent. Attach copies of the death certificates to this form and submit to Student Financial Aid.
- No. If you checked this box continue to question 3.

3. Are you currently a ward of the court?

- Yes. If you checked this box you are required to provide a copy of the entire court document that verifies your status.
- No. If you checked this box continue to question 4.

4. Were you a ward of the court until your 18th birthday?

- Yes. If you checked this box you are required to provide a copy of the entire court document to verify your status OR a letter from a social services agency or case worker familiar with the circumstances that led to your being placed in the custody of the court until your 18th birthday.
- No. If you checked this box continue to question 5.

5. Were you legally adopted by your parent(s)?

- Yes. If you checked this box you are required to provide your adoptive parent's information on the FAFSA. You may do so on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

If you answered "No" for questions 1 – 4 you are not considered to be an orphan or ward of the court and are required to provide parent information on the FAFSA. You may do so on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

If you feel you have extenuating circumstances regarding your ability to report parent information on the FAFSA please visit Student Financial Aid to discuss your situation with a financial aid advisor. Student Financial Aid is located at 231 Administration Building.

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information provided to document my orphan or ward of the court status is true and complete.

Student Signature

Date