

**Verification of Dependency Status  
2009-2010**

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

You indicated on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that you may not be required to provide parental information. Answer the questions below and provide the appropriate documentation where indicated, according to your circumstances. Due to recent changes in federal financial aid regulations you are being asked to provide documentation for the 2009-2010 academic year even if you did so in a previous year. Once your new documentation has been verified as complete it will be retained as part of your financial aid file and will not be requested again in subsequent years. Your dependency status must be verified before your financial aid can be finalized.

Please respond to the following questions:

**1. Were you born before January 1, 1986?**

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

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

- Yes. If you checked this box you are required to provide your adoptive parents' information on the FAFSA. You may do so on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- No. If you checked this box continue to question 3.

**3. At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased? Answer yes, for biological or adoptive parents, even if you are now adopted.**

- 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 at the address shown on page 2.
- No. If you checked this box continue to question 4.

**4. At any time since you turned age 13, were you in foster care? Answer yes even if you are no longer in foster care as of today.**

- Yes. If you checked this box you are required to provide a copy of all court documentation pertaining to your case OR a letter from the social services agency or case worker familiar with the circumstances that led to your being placed in foster care. Attach copies of your documentation and submit to Student Financial Aid at the address shown on page 2.
- No. If you checked this box continue to question 5.

**5. At any time since you turned age 13, were you declared a dependent or ward of the court? Answer yes even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court as of today.**

- Yes. If you checked this box you are required to provide a copy of all court documentation pertaining to your case OR a letter from the social services agency or case worker familiar with the circumstances that lead to your being placed in the custody of the court. Attach copies of your documentation to this form and submit to Student Financial Aid at the address shown on page 2.
- No. If you checked this box continue to question 6.

- 6. Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by the court in your state of legal residence? Answer no if you are still a minor and the court order is no longer in effect or the court's decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult.**
- Yes. If you checked this box you are required to provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today you are an emancipated minor or were immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence. Attach copies of your documentation to this form and submit to Student Financial Aid at the address shown on page 2.
  - No. If you checked this box continue to question 7.
- 7. Are you or were you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? Answer no if the court order is no longer in effect or was not in effect at the time you became an adult.**
- Yes. If you checked this box you are required to provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today you are in legal guardianship or were immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence. Attach copies of your documentation to this form and submit to Student Financial Aid at the address shown on page 2.
  - No. If you checked this box continue to question 8.
- 8. At any time on or after July 1, 2008, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?**
- Yes. If you checked this box provide a letter from your high school or school district liaison verifying your status. Attach a copy of the letter to this form and submit to Student Financial Aid at the address shown on page 2.
  - No. If you checked this box continue to question 9.
- 9. At any time on or after July 1, 2008, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?**
- Yes. If you checked this box provide a letter from the director of the shelter that determined your status. Attach a copy of the letter to this form and submit to Student Financial Aid at the address shown on page 2.
  - No. If you checked this box continue to question 10.
- 10. At any time on or after July 1, 2008, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?**
- Yes. If you checked this box provide a letter from the director of the shelter or center that determined your status. Attach a copy of the letter to this form and submit to Student Financial Aid at the address shown on page 2.
  - No. If you checked this box continue to question 11.
- 11. If you answered no to each of the previous questions do you still feel you have extenuating circumstances that prevent you from providing parental information on the FAFSA?**
- Yes. If you checked this box complete the Dependent Appeal Application and submit to BGSU, Student Financial Aid, 231 Administration Building, Bowling Green, Ohio 43403-0114. This application is available on line at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sfa>.
  - No. If you checked this box you are required to report parental information on the FAFSA. You may do so at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). You will need to provide a parent PIN as the parent signature. If your parent does not have a PIN one may be requested at [www.PIN.ed.gov](http://www.PIN.ed.gov).

**STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:**

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

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Student Signature

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Date