



2020-2021 ORPHAN/WARD OF THE COURT OR FOSTER CARE FORM

Student Name: _____

HFC Student ID: _____

On your 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you answered "Yes" to Question 52, which asks, "At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?" Before the Office of Financial Aid can determine your eligibility for financial aid, you must document your status.

Instructions

Please check the box below beside the description that applies to your situation and attach the requested documentation. Completed forms and required documentation may be submitted by dropping them in a drop box on the HFC campus or by mail or fax to the address and fax number listed above.

- I am an orphan.** Check this box only if you had no living parent (biological or adoptive) at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are now adopted. **Documentation:** Submit a copy of the death certificate for each of your parents as well as a copy of your birth certificate.
- I was in foster care.** Check this box if you were in foster care at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer in foster care as of today. **Documentation:** Attach a copy of the state Department of Human Services Verification of Court/State Ward Status form from your caseworker.
- I am a state ward of the court,** or I was a state ward of the court. Check this box if you were a dependent or ward of the court at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer a dependent or a ward of the court as of today. The State of Michigan was is/was your legal guardian and you are/were placed with the Family Independence Agency (FIA) for care. **Documentation:** Attach a copy of the court decree from the FIA.
- I am a county ward of the court,** or I was a county ward of the court. Check this box if you were a dependent or ward of the court at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer a dependent or a ward of the court as of today. The Probate Court appointed a legal guardian for you. **Documentation:** Attach a copy of the Letters of Guardianship or Order of Discharge from Guardianship.
- I made an error on my FAFSA.** I am/was neither an orphan or a ward of the court, nor am/was I in foster care. **Requirement:** Correct the information on your FAFSA by 1) correcting your answer to question #52 and 2) updating your FAFSA to include parent information. In addition, your parent must electronically sign the FAFSA.

By signing this document, I certify that all the information provided is complete and correct. I understand that purposely giving false or misleading information may result in being reported to the Department of Education.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____