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Student's Name _____ SSN _____

2026-2027 VERIFICATION OF LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP/ EMANCIPATED MINOR STATUS

Your status as an independent student for financial aid purposes was based upon your answer to legal guardianship questions on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA instructions notify you that the financial aid administrator at your school may require proof of your status. In order to complete the financial aid process, please check the status that represents your situation and submit the required documentation. Your aid cannot be processed until documentation has been received and evaluated.

Included below are the FAFSA notes regarding legal guardianship.

The definition of legal guardianship does not include your parents, even if they were appointed by a court to be your guardians. You are also not considered a legal guardian of yourself.

Answer "Yes" if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today you are an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship. Also answer "Yes" if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that you were an emancipated minor or were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.

Answer "No" if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect at the time you became an adult. Also answer "No" and contact your school if custody was awarded by the courts and the court papers say "custody" (not "guardianship").

STATUS	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
___ Emancipated Minor You are or were an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence, prior to reaching the age of being an adult in your state.	Provide a copy of a court's decision documenting you are an emancipated minor from the state of your legal residence.
___ Legal Guardianship You are or were in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence, prior to reaching the age of being an adult in your state.	Provide a copy of a court's decision documenting you are in legal guardianship from the state of your legal residence.

This form submitted without documentation will be denied. If you have marked "yes" to either of these statuses in error, you must correct your FAFSA and include parental information.

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Student's Signature Date

Submit the completed form: **In person:** Office of Student Financial Aid **Mail to:** LOC, Office of Student Financial Services, 807 Walker Avenue, Memphis, TN 38126; **Email:** financialaid@loc.edu