



**Legal Guardianship/Emancipated Minor Verification
2018-2019**

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

DIRECTIONS: Students are independent for financial aid purposes if they are/were in a permanent legal guardianship or they are/were determined to be an emancipated minor immediately before reaching the age of 18. To verify your current status, please read the definitions below, check the appropriate box for your circumstances, and return the signed and dated form with the documentation requested. If you have any questions about your status, please contact the Financial Aid office.

Permanent Legal Guardianship:

A legal guardianship is decided by a court in the state of the student's legal residence. The court appoints a guardian, other than the student or the student's parent(s), to act on behalf of the student as their caretaker. This guardianship must continue in a permanent status until the student reaches 18. If the guardianship is temporary and/or is discontinued prior to the student's 18th birthday, the student is not in a legal guardianship for purposes of financial aid.

Emancipated Minor:

An emancipated minor is legally freed from the control and support of the parent(s) through a court order. The emancipated minor status must be determined by a court prior to the student's 18th birthday or the age of majority in the state of their legal residence. An emancipated minor becomes an adult able to sign contracts before reaching the age of majority. *A court order terminating child support upon the child's reaching the age of majority does not qualify, even if it uses the word emancipation.*

CHECK ONE BOX BELOW TO COMPLETE FORM:

- Yes, I can provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today I am in a legal guardianship or I am an emancipated minor. (Sign and return form with copy of court order attached)
- Yes, I can provide a copy of a court's decision that I was in a legal guardianship immediately before reaching the age of being an adult in my state or I was determined to be an emancipated minor. (Sign and return form with copy of court order attached)
- No, I am not in a legal guardianship or considered an emancipated minor. (Sign and return form and contact financial aid. Parent information may be required)

I certify that the information and documentation provided is true and accurate. I understand that by providing this verification, the Financial Aid Office may require additional information and documentation in order to complete my financial aid application.

Student signature

Date