



2021-2022 Verification of Emancipated Minor or Legal Guardianship

You have reported that you were an emancipated minor or under legal guardianship on the FAFSA application. 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 to the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. If you have any questions about your status, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Step 1 – Student’s Information

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Student ID #
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Step 2 – Legal Guardianship or Emancipated Minor

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.

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.

Please note that Power of Attorney does not meet either definition.

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 this 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 this form with copy of court order attached)

- No, I am not in a legal guardianship or considered an emancipated minor. (Please return to the FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov and update the response to question #54 or #55 to “no” and add your parent’s information as well as your parent’s signature.)

Step 3 – Certification and Signature

I certify that the information provided herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student’s Signature

Date

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both