



2018-19 Orphan, Dependent/Ward of Court, or In Foster Care Documentation

Student Name: _____ NCWC ID: _____

According to information submitted on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated that since you turned thirteen that 1) both your parents have died, 2) were a ward of the court, or 3) were in foster care. This information must be verified before the processing of your federal financial aid application can be completed. Please complete this form and return it with all required documentation to the Office of Financial Aid.

A student is considered an **orphan** if at any time since the age of 13 both parents (biological or adoptive) have died, even if now adopted. Such a student is considered an orphan even if he/she has a legal guardian. **If only one parent is deceased**, the student must provide information for the living parent.

A student qualifies as a **ward of the court** (regardless whether this status is determined by the county or state) if the court has assumed custody of him/her. In some states, the court may impose its authority over a juvenile who remains in the legal custody of his/her parents; such a student is **not** a ward of the court. Neither emancipation of a minor nor incarceration qualifies a person to be a ward of the court.

Below is a list of acceptable documentation to confirm Orphan, Ward of the Court, or In Foster Care status.

A. Death Certificate for both Parents.

B. Documentation that the court assumed custody of the student since the age of 13, even if no longer a dependent or ward of the court as of today.

C. Documentation that the student was in foster care at any time since the age of 13, even if no longer in foster care as of today.

All documents and forms submitted to the Office of Financial Aid becomes the property of North Carolina Wesleyan College and cannot be copied or returned to the student, spouse, or parent (i.e. tax returns, verification worksheets, W2s, etc).

Office Use only

- Documentation is acceptable.
- Documentation is not acceptable.

Financial Aid Advisor

Signature _____ Date _____