



**2023-24 EMANCIPATION OR LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP**

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **VIP ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

You indicated on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that you are independent and will not provide parental information because you are an emancipated minor or someone other than your parent or stepparent has legal guardianship of you. To determine your financial aid eligibility, please confirm your status.

Instructions (Please read carefully)

Answer "Yes" if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today you are an emancipated minor or are in a 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 located 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Answer "No" if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect or the court decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult. Also answer "No" and contact a counselor at your Financial Aid Office if custody was awarded by the courts and the court papers say "custody" (not "guardianship"). Also answer "No" if you answered this question in error and plan to correct your FAFSA.

***As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?***

Yes, this statement is true. (Please sign this form and attach your court documents then return them to the Financial Aid Office.)

No, this statement is not true. (Please correct your FAFSA or speak a counselor at your Financial Aid Office.)

***Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? (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.)***

Yes, this statement is true. (Please sign this form and attach your court documents then return them to the Financial Aid Office.)

No, this statement is not true. (Please correct your FAFSA or speak a counselor at your Financial Aid Office.)

*By signing this document, I certify that all the information reported on it is complete and correct. If I purposely give false or misleading information on this document, it will be cause for denial or repayment of financial aid and I may also be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.*

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Be sure to attach your court documents before returning this form to your Financial Aid Office)