



Office of Student Financial Aid and Student Employment
2009-2010 Dependency Criteria Verification

Student's Name: Student ID:

SSN:

We have completed the initial review of your 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). We now need to verify that you meet the criteria to be an independent student. Please complete this form, attach the appropriate documentation, and return it to the Office of Student Financial Aid as soon as possible.

PROCESSING OF YOUR AID HAS STOPPED UNTIL THIS FORM AND ALL DOCUMENTS ARE RETURNED

You indicated on the FAFSA that you are an orphan or a ward/dependent of the court. Please keep in mind that having been incarcerated does not make you a ward of the court. Please respond to the following questions:

1. Are both of your parents deceased when you were age 13 or older, even if you are adopted now?
2. Were you in foster care when you were age 13 or older, even if you are no longer in foster care as of today?
3. Were you a dependent/ward of the court when you were age 13 or older, even if you are no longer a dependent/ward of the court as of today?
4. Are you an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
5. At any time after July 1, 2008, were you an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
6. Were you adopted prior to age 13?
IF YOU ANSWERED "NO" TO ALL FIVE QUESTIONS, GO TO #6.
IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO THIS QUESTION AND "NO" TO QUESTIONS 1-5, YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA AS A DEPENDENT STUDENT USING PARENTS' OR ADOPTIVE PARENTS' INFORMATION. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.
IF YOU HAVE A FAMILY SITUATION THAT VARIES FROM QUESTIONS 1-6, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

Statement of Certification: I certify that the information given to document my dependency status is true and complete.

Student's Signature

Date

PLEASE RETURN TO: The University of Akron, Office of Student Financial Aid, Akron, OH 44325-6211