

## INDEPENDENT MINOR

Student Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

S#: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_@student.cccs.edu

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

When you completed your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you were given a provisionally independent status based on your response to one of the questions below. Before we can offer financial aid to you, you must document your independent minor status.

Select the option that best describes your situation, and provide the required documentation listed, along with this completed form, to RRCC's Financial Aid Office. You may be asked to provide additional documentation.

Legal Guardianship: Someone other than my biological or adoptive parents has/had legal guardianship of me until I turned 18.

- Attach probate court documents indicating that you are/were in the legal guardianship of someone other than your biological/adoptive parents.
- What was your age at the time these documents went into effect? \_\_\_\_\_
- How long did you stay in the care of your legal guardian? \_\_\_\_\_
- Were you ever returned to the care of your biological or adoptive parents? If so, what was your age at the time you were returned to their care? \_\_\_\_\_

Orphan: Both of my biological or adoptive parents are deceased.

- Attach copies of both of your biological or adoptive parents' death certificates.

Ward of the Court/State: I was removed from my parents' home and the court/state had legal custody of me after I turned 13 years old. I was not in the custody of the court as a result of being incarcerated.

- Attach court documentation from the probate court in the county where you were given ward of the court status.
- What was your age at the time these documents went into effect? \_\_\_\_\_
- How long did you stay in the custody of the court or state? \_\_\_\_\_

- Foster Care: I was in foster care placement after turning 13 years old.
- Attach court documentation from the probate court in the county where you were in foster care, confirming that you were in foster care after turning 13.
  - What was your age at the time that you entered foster care? \_\_\_\_\_
  - How long were you in foster care placement? \_\_\_\_\_
- Emancipated Minor: Before I turned 18, I was legally emancipated from my parents.
- Attach court documentation from the probate court in the county where you were emancipated, confirming that you were emancipated through the court before turning 18.
- None of the above- select the appropriate option below.
- I am not an independent minor. I have updated my FAFSA to include my biological or adoptive parent(s) information (required).  
Please allow 3-5 business days for RRCC to receive your corrected FAFSA.  
Additional information may be required.
- I am unable to provide parental information on the FAFSA, and I cannot provide the required documentation listed on this form.

Note: If you are unable to provide the required documentation listed on this form and are unable to provide parental information on your FAFSA, please contact our office or [Jasmine.Gutierrez@rrcc.edu](mailto:Jasmine.Gutierrez@rrcc.edu) to discuss your options.