



## 2025-2026 Orphan/Ward of the Court/Foster Care/Legal Guardianship Verification Form

Student's First Name	<input type="text"/>	6-digit NEIU Student ID#	<input type="text"/>
Student's Last Name	<input type="text"/>	Phone Number	<input type="text"/>

You reported on your FAFSA that you are an orphan, or you were a ward of the court, or you were in foster care. To complete the determination of your eligibility for financial aid, please complete and submit this form to the Financial Aid Office with the required documentation within 7 business days. **Include your student ID number on all documents submitted.**

	CHECK below	REQUIREMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>I am an orphan.</b> Check this box only if you had no living parent (biological or adoptive) at any time since you turned age 13.	<b>ATTACH</b> a copy of the death certificate of each of your parents.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>I was in foster care.</b> Check this box if you were in foster care at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer in foster care as of today.	<b>ATTACH</b> a copy of the state Department of Human Services Verification of Court/State Ward Status form from your caseworker.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>I am a ward of the court or I was a ward of the court.</b> Check this box if you were a dependent or ward of the court at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer or a dependent or ward of the court as of today.	<b>ATTACH</b> a copy of the court decree from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>I am or I was in legal guardianship.</b> Check this box only if: (A) You can provide a copy of a court's decision that you are in legal guardianship, OR (B) You can provide a copy of a court's decision that you 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.	<b>ATTACH</b> typewritten statement specifying reason(s) for guardianship and length of time with that status. Also provide a copy of the Letters of Guardianship or a copy of the court's Order of Discharge from Guardianship.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>I made an error on my FAFSA.</b> I am/was neither an orphan nor a ward of the court, and neither am I/ was I in foster care.	<b>CORRECT</b> the information on your FAFSA at studentaid.gov and invite parent(s) to contribute information using an FSA ID.



**REQUIRED SIGNATURE:** I certify that all information reported is complete and correct. I understand that changes in my FAFSA financial information based on the documentation provided may result in a change in financial aid eligibility.

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Student's Signature

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Date