

**Westfield**  
STATE UNIVERSITY  
**OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

**2024-2025 Ward of Court/Legal Guardianship/Emancipated Minor**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

College ID: \_\_\_\_\_

When filing your 2024-2025 FAFSA you responded “YES” to at least one of the questions listed below. Please review the questions and submit the required documentation. Only one form of documentation is required regardless of how many “YES” responses you select. If you discover that all questions should have a “NO” response, log onto [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and revise your FAFSA.

Answer “**Yes**” if you had no living parent (biological or adoptive) since you turned 13 or older, even if you are now adopted.

Answer “**Yes**” if you were a dependent/ward of the court since you turned 13 or older, even if you are no longer a dependent/ward of the court as of today.

Answer “**Yes**” if you were in foster care since you turned age 13 or older, even if you are no longer in foster care as of today.

**YES**    **NO**

\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_    At any time since you turned 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent/ward of the court?  
**If you answered “Yes,” submit documentation supporting foster care/ward of court status.**

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Answer “**Yes**” if you can provide a copy of a court’s decision that you are an emancipated minor or are in legal guardianship. The court must be located in your state of legal residence. If the court order is no longer in effect, answer “**No.**”

**YES**    **NO**

\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_    Are you, or were you, an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?  
**If you answered “Yes,” submit a copy of court decision.**

\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_    Are you, or were you, in legal guardianship with **someone other than your parent or stepparent** as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?  
**If you answered “Yes,” submit a copy of court decision.**

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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