EVERETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Financial Aid & Scholarships

2017-2018 ORPHAN OR WARD OF THE COURT VERIFICATION

STUDENT INFORMATION

First name _____ **Middle name** _____

Last name _____ **Social Security Number** _____

Student ID Number _____ **Phone** _____

You have reported that you are an orphan or you were a "ward of the court" on the FAFSA application.

If you are an orphan, check the box next to "Orphan" below and submit this form.

If you were a "ward of the court", you are required to provide documentation before we are able to continue the financial aid process. You may submit a court order or a letter from your Social Worker verifying your "ward of the court" status. Read the following definition to determine if you will be considered independent for financial aid processing.

WARD OF COURT

You are considered an independent student if you meet the following definition:

- If you were a "ward of the court" at any time since you turned the age of 13, which means, the court determined that your parent(s) were unable to care for you, and that the State or the Court took legal custody of you. You were removed from your parents' custody for your protection.
- You may have been placed in Foster Care. If you were in Foster Care at any time since you turned 13 years old, even if you are no longer in Foster Care today, please refer to the questions at the bottom of the page.

You are not an independent student if:

- You were a "ward of the court" and were living with your parents, under the monitoring of the criminal legal system, ordered by the court and/or you were incarcerated.
- **If the above is true, you are considered a dependent student.** You will be required to provide your parents' income on the FAFSA. You have **not** met the Federal definition of "ward of the court." A correction will be required to determine your financial aid eligibility.

ORPHAN

☐ Check here if you are an orphan (both of your parents are deceased). You are also considered an orphan and an independent student if your parents are deceased and you were adopted since you turned 13 years old.

FOSTER CARE

Were you ever in the Foster Care Program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Were you in Foster Care at any time since you turned 13 years old? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your 22nd birthday prior to July 1, 2017 (2017-2018 award year)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you applied for the Washington State Governor's Scholarship for Foster Youth? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Student comments or explanation _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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