

# University of Houston-Victoria

## Office of Financial Aid

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### 2025-2026 Emancipated Minor/Legal Guardianship Form

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ UHV ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Your independent status was based solely on your answer to student personal circumstances on the FAFSA (from one of the possibilities listed in step 1 below). Therefore, you are required by federal regulations to submit court documentation verifying this status. Please check the box in step 1 that best represents your situation and submit the required court documentation. Failure to comply with this request in a timely manner will significantly delay the processing of your financial aid application.

**Important Note** – The definition of legal guardianship does not include your parents or stepparents, even if they were appointed by a court to be your guardians. You are also not considered a legal guardian of yourself. A notarized letter will not satisfy this requirement. The documents submitted must come from a court located in your state of legal residence and must be signed by the judge who ruled on your case.

#### STEP 1: CHECK THE APPLICABLE BOX AND SUBMIT REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION

- I am or was an emancipated minor as determined by a court in my state of legal residence. Provide a copy of a court's decision that you are or were an emancipated minor immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state.
- I am or was in a legal guardianship as determined by a court in my state of legal residence. Provide a copy of a court's decision that you are or were in a legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state.
- I made an error on my FAFSA. I am not an emancipated minor or in a legal guardianship or I cannot provide the necessary supporting documentation. I understand that I must now correct my FAFSA and provide parent information. I understand that my financial aid application cannot be processed until I have corrected my FAFSA.

#### STEP 2: CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

By signing this worksheet, I certify that all of the information reported is true and correct. I have read each section and have provided the required documentation. I understand that if I purposely provide false or misleading information on this worksheet I can be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### For FA Staff Use Only:

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