

# University of Houston-Victoria

## Office of Financial Aid

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### 2025-2026 Verification of Orphan, Ward of the Court or Foster Care Status Form

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

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

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

I am or was an orphan at any time from the age of 13 or older (even if you are now adopted; check this box if both your parents are deceased; do not check this box if only one parent is deceased and the whereabouts of your other parent is unknown).

- Attach a copy of your birth certificate and copies of both your parent's death certificates.

I am or was a ward of the court at any time from the age of 13 or older (check this box even if you are no longer a dependent/ward of the court as of today).

- Attach a letter from your social worker confirming that you were a dependent of the court, or a letter stating that you are a participant in the Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP), or other court documentation showing that you were removed from the home because it posed a direct threat to your well-being.

I am or was in Foster Care from the age of 13 or older (or was a ward until the age of 18).

- Submit legal documentation from your state of residency, such as a court order.

I made an error on my FAFSA. I am not an orphan or ward/dependent of the court, nor was I ever in Foster Care. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

State law requires that you be informed of the following: (1) with few exceptions, you are entitled on request to be informed about the information the University collects about you by use of this form; (2) under sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Government Code, you are entitled to receive and review the information; and (3) under section 559.004 of the Government Code, you are entitled to have the University correct information about you that is incorrect.