

## 2022-2023 Proof of Orphan/Ward of the Court Status

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CVCC Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Your status for financial aid as an independent student is based solely on your answer to question 52 on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you are or were an **Orphan or Ward of the Court** at some point after you turned 13. Please submit legal documentation confirming that status. To verify your status as an Orphan or Ward of the Court, we require the following:

I am a/an (check one):

Orphan

A copy of both parent's death certificates and a copy of your birth certificate or a copy of one parent's death certificate showing only one parent's name. In order to be considered independent, your status as an orphan had to have occurred at some point since your 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Ward of the Court

Court orders or a letter from your Department of Social Services (DSS) case worker indicating that you are/were a ward of the court at some point since your 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Neither an Orphan or a Ward of the Court

Please complete the following items:

- Make a correction on your FAFSA, updating **Question 52** to "NO".
- Include parental information on the FAFSA, if you have not already done so.

### Certification and Signature

By signing this form, I certify that all information is true and complete. I understand that if I am found to have knowingly or intentionally given false or fraudulent statements and/or documentation, my request will be denied, and my eligibility may be jeopardized.

**Warning:** If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

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