



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

FULLERTON

Return to: Office of Financial Aid
P.O. Box 6804 GH-146 Fullerton,
CA 92834-6804

Enter Student's
CWID Here:

CA Dream Act Application

VERIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT STATUS - WARD (2022-2023)

PRINT CLEARLY AND USE BLACK INK

You indicated on your California Dream Act Application (CDA) that you were an orphan, ward of the court, emancipated minor, or in legal guardianship before reaching the age of 18. You are required to provide documentation to substantiate this before we are able to continue the financial aid process. *Incomplete documents will not be returned. They will be disposed of in a secure manner, per university policy. This will delay processing.*

Please check the box next to the independent status that best describes your circumstances, attach the specified documentation, and return this information to our office.

- ☐ **ORPHAN:** Check here if both of your parents are deceased. Attach a copy of the death certificate for each parent. Please note: You are still considered an orphan if your parents are deceased and you were adopted at age 13 or later.
- ☐ **WARD OF THE COURT/FORMER FOSTER YOUTH:** Check here if, at any time at age 13 or later, the court determined that your parent(s) were unable to care for you, the state or court took legal custody of you, AND you were removed from your parents' custody. Documentation, such as a court order or a signed letter from your social worker, confirming this must be attached. Please note: You are still considered a ward of the court/former foster youth even if your status later changed. Additionally, if you were taken into custody solely due to being convicted of a crime, you are *not* considered a ward of the court for financial aid purposes.
- ☐ **EMANCIPATED MINOR:** Check here if, prior to age 18, a court granted your petition for emancipation from your parents. Attach a copy of the official court ordered Petition for Declaration of Emancipation.
- ☐ **LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP:** Check here if, prior to age 18, someone other than your parents was appointed as your legal guardian(s). Attach a copy of the official court ordered guardianship paperwork.
- ☐ **I MADE AN ERROR ON MY CDA.** I will correct my CDA application to include my parental information. (NOTE: Parent will need to sign your CDA application with their PIN number. If your parent does not have a PIN number, he/she can apply for a PIN number at (<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>)
- ☐ **COMMENTS:** _____

CERTIFICATION:

By signing this form, I certify that all of the information reported on this form and any attachments hereto is true, complete and accurate. I agree to provide proof of the information I have reported, if requested to do so. I also certify that I have read the terms and conditions section of the CSU Fullerton, Financial Aid website (<http://www.fullerton.edu/financialaid/info/Terms.php>)*

Signature is required.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Student's Name: _____ CWID _____

***Warning:** If you give false or misleading information on documents submitted to the Office of Financial Aid, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail or both.