

We have completed the initial review of your 2011-12 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). We now need to verify that you meet the criteria to be considered an orphan or ward of the court, and are therefore an independent student. Please complete this form, attach the appropriate documentation, and return it to Financial Aid as soon as possible.

**\*\*PROCESSING OF YOUR AID HAS STOPPED UNTIL THIS FORM AND ALL DOCUMENTS ARE RETURNED\*\***

You indicated on the FAFSA that you are an orphan or a ward of the court. Please respond to the following questions:

1. At any time after you turned the age of 13, were both of your parents deceased?  YES  NO  
**Documentation required:** copy of death certificates.
2. At any time after you turned the age of 13, were you in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care today?  YES  NO  
**Documentation required:** Court documentation
3. At any time after you turned the age of 13, were you a dependent or a ward of the court?  YES  NO  
**Documentation required:** Court documentation showing orphan/ward of court.

**If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions, you are considered independent for financial aid purposes. Please attach the required documentation as requested above and sign the "Statement of Certification" below.**

[ ] **ATTACHED** is court documentation or a letter from the Social Services documenting my status.

**If you answered "NO" to all three questions, go to Question 4.**

4. Do you have an adoptive parent?  YES\*  NO

**\*If you answered "YES" to Question 4 or "NO" to Questions 1-3 above, you will need to complete your FAFSA as a dependent student using your parents' or adoptive parents' information. Please contact our office for further instructions.**

**Statement of Certification:** I certify that the information given to document my dependency status is true and complete.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number

**PLEASE RETURN TO:**  
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Financial Aid  
P.O. Box 19042, 2740 W. Mason St., Green Bay, WI 54307