

2020-2021 FAFSA Verification Independent Student – Legal Guardianship

Student Name: _____ Student SCC ID: _____

We have received your 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You indicated on your FAFSA you are or were in legal guardianship. To verify your status, please complete and return this form to the Office of Financial Aid as soon as possible. **Be sure to include your name and SCC ID on all forms you submit to our office.** Due to data security guidelines, all forms must be submitted to our office using one of the following methods: in person, faxed, mailed through U.S. Postal Service, or electronically using our secure drop box at <https://uploads.southeast.edu/financialaid>. **We cannot accept emailed forms.**

Verification of Legal Guardianship Status

- YES: I certify I am, or was, in a legal guardianship as determined by a court in my state of legal residence. Legal guardianship is a status established by a court of law within a minor's state of legal residence. A legal guardian will be someone other than the minor's natural, adoptive, or step parent(s). A FAFSA applicant may mark the legal guardianship designation if currently in a legal guardianship, or immediately prior to becoming an adult, was in a legal guardianship. Legal custody or unofficial guardianship arrangements made outside of the courts do not qualify.

Submit this form with court document showing legal guardianship.

- NO: I am not considered to be in legal guardianship.

Because you have not been in a legal guardianship, you will need to:

1. Correct your FAFSA by answering NO to question #54 which reads: "Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?" in Step 3
2. Complete the FAFSA with parent information in Step 4.

Note: If you feel you have special circumstances, please contact a SCC Financial Aid Counselor at (402) 437-2610.

By signing this form, I acknowledge the following:

I certify all of the information reported to qualify for Federal/State student aid is complete and correct. If asked by an authorized official, I agree to provide proof of the information I have given on the form. *Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.*

Signature is required of the student whose information has been reported on this form.

Student Signature _____ Date _____