

## 2020-2021 ORPHAN/WARD OF THE COURT FORM

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Please complete this verification form and provide copies of all requested paperwork to Governors State University.  
**Incomplete paperwork will not be accepted, thereby delaying the processing of your financial aid award.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ GSU ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 digits of SS#: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print) Last First

Permanent Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

Student's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_@student.govst.edu

On your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated that you are considered independent because you are an orphan or a ward of the court (or had been a ward of the court until reaching age 18). Please further explain your status:

- I am an orphan.  
**Documentation:** Attach a copy of the death certificate of each of your parent(s).
- I am a ward of the court, or was a ward of the court until age 18.  
**Documentation:** Attach a copy of the court decree from the FIA.
- I was in foster care.  
**Documentation:** Attach a copy of the state Department of Human Services Verification of Court/State Ward Status form from your case worker.
- I made an error on my FAFSA.  
**Requirement:** Correct the information on your FAFSA by providing your parent(s) information and signature on your Student Aid Report (SAR).

### CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify that all information reported on this document is true, complete, and accurate. I understand that any false statements or misrepresentation will be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal and/or repayment of financial aid.

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

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