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Independent Minor

Student Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

On the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated “Yes” to one of the questions below, indicating that you are an independent minor. Before we can process and offer financial aid to you, you must document that you are an independent minor by choosing the option below that best describes your circumstances, attaching the required documentation listed, and return it to the Financial Aid Office.

- Legal Guardianship:** Someone other than my biological or adoptive parents has/had legal guardianship of me.
 - Attach court documents indicating that you are/were in the legal guardianship of someone other than your biological/adoptive parents.
 - What was your age at the time these documents went into effect? _____
 - How long did you stay in the care of your legal guardian? _____
 - Were you ever returned to the care of your biological or adoptive parents? _____
- Orphan:** Both of my biological or adoptive parents are deceased.
 - Attach copies of both of your parents’ death certificates.
- Ward of the Court/State:** I was removed from my parents’ home and the court assumed legal custody of me after turning 13 years old. I was not in the custody of the court as a result of being incarcerated.
 - Attach court documentation from the probate court in the county where you were given ward of the court status.
- Foster Care:** I was in foster care placement after turning 13 years old.
 - Attach court documentation from the probate court in the county where you were in foster care that confirms you were in foster care after turning 13.
- Emancipated Minor:** Before I turned 18, I was legally emancipated from my parents.
 - Attach court documentation from the probate court in the county where you were emancipated that confirms you were emancipated in the court before turning 18.
- None of the above:** Select the appropriate option below.
 - I am not an independent minor. I have updated my FAFSA to include my parent(s) information.
 - I am unable to provide parental information on the FAFSA and cannot provide the required documentation.

By signing this document, I certify that all the information reported on this form is complete, true and accurate. I understand that purposely providing false or misleading information could result in criminal prosecution, prison sentence, and/or a fine pursuant to U.S. Criminal Code and Colorado Criminal Code. I affirm that I have read, understand, and agree to this form in its entirety and that the information supplied is true and complete.

Student: _____
Print Name Signature Date