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## Independent Minor

Student Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- ☐ **Legal Guardianship:** Someone other than my biological or adoptive parent(s) has/had legal guardianship of me.
  - Attach court documents indicating that you are/were in legal guardianship of someone other than your biological or adoptive parent(s).
  - 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 parent(s)? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Orphan:** Both of my biological or adoptive parent(s) are deceased since I turned age 13.
  - Attach copies of both of your parents' death certificates.
- ☐ **Ward of the Court/State:** At some point since I turned age 13, I was removed from my parent(s)' home and the court assumed legal custody of me. 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:** At some point since I turned age 13, I was in foster care placement.
  - Attach documentation that confirms you were in foster care.
- ☐ **Emancipated Minor:** Before I turned 18, I was legally emancipated from my parent(s).
  - Attach court documentation from the probate court in the county where you were emancipated that confirms you were emancipated in the court.
- ☐ I am unable to provide parental information on the FAFSA and cannot provide the required documentation.

**By signing this form, 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.**

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Student Signature

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Date