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2009-2010 UTSA Orphan, Ward of the Court or Foster Care Form

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Your Independent status is based solely on your answer to question 55 on the FAFSA (from one of the possibilities listed in step 1 below). Therefore, the Department of Education requires that you submit legal documentation verifying that status. Please check the box in step 1 that best represents your situation and submit the required documentation. We will not be able to fully process your aid until the documentation and form have been fully completed, received and processed.

STEP 1: SELECT THE APPLICABLE BOX AND SUBMIT REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION

☐ A. I am or was an orphan at any time from the age of 13 or older (even if you are now adopted; check this box only if both parents are deceased; do not check this box if one parent is deceased and the whereabouts of your other parent is unknown).
- Attach a copy of your birth certificate, along with a copy of each parent's death certificate.

☐ B. I am or was a ward or dependent of the court at any time from the age of 13 or older (even if you are no longer a dependent/ ward of the court as of today).
- Attach a letter from your social worker confirming that you were a dependent of the court, or a letter stating that you are a participant in the Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP), or other court documentation showing that you were removed from your home because it posed a direct threat to your well-being.

☐ C. I am or was in Foster Care from the age of 13 or older (or was a ward until age of 18).
- Legal Documentation from your state of residency.

☐ D. I made an error on my FAFSA. I am not an orphan or ward/dependent of the court, nor was I ever in Foster Care.

☐ **1. Yes, I corrected the error on my FAFSA.**

☐ **2. No, I did not correct the error on the FAFSA.** You must now correct your FAFSA by providing parental information at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

STEP 2: COMPLETE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Your signature on this document confirms your acknowledgement of the following:

- The information submitted for review is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.
- You have read each section and have provided the required documentation.
- Providing false information may result in reduced eligibility, repayment of aid, or both, in this year or next year.
- Additional documentation may be required.
- During peak seasons, there may be a four week processing time for the request.
- Any correspondence will be emailed to your UTSA email account.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Phone (_____) _____

PRIVACY NOTICE

With a few exceptions, you are entitled to be informed about the information U.T. San Antonio collects about you. Under Sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Texas Government Code, you are entitled to receive and review this information. Under Section 559.004 of the Texas Government Code, you are entitled to have U.T. San Antonio correct information about you that is held by us and that is incorrect, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the University of Texas System Business Procedures Memorandum 32. The information that U.T. San Antonio collects will be retained and maintained as required by Texas records retention laws (Section 441.180 et. seq. of the Texas Government code) and rules. Different types of information are kept for different periods of time.

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Date Received in SFAES: _____

Entered on RRAAREQ by: _____

Processed by: _____

RRAAREQ Code: **WARD**
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