



2025-2026 Orphan/Foster/Ward of the Court/Guardianship Determination

Name _____ C # _____

In order to qualify as an orphan, foster, ward of the court or guardianship student for federal financial aid purposes you must meet certain specific criteria. Please answer the following questions and provide the requested documentation in order for us to determine your status.

If at any time since you turned age 13:

- _____ 1. You had no living parent, even if you are now adopted.
(Please attach copies of both parents' death certificates)
- _____ 2. You were in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care today.
(Please attach a copy of the court order)
- _____ 3. You were a dependent or ward of the court, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court today. For federal student aid purposes, someone who is incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court.
(Please attach a copy of the court order)
- _____ 4. At any age, you are or were in legal guardianship with someone other than your parent or step-parent, as determined by a court in your state of residence. **(Please attach a copy of the court order)**

Student Signature _____

Date: _____

Please return this form along with the requested documentation to the Student Financial Services Office at Cayuga Community College. Processing of your application for financial aid cannot continue until we receive the requested information.