

Gavilan College
Financial Aid Office
5055 Santa Teresa Blvd.
Gilroy, CA 95020

Name of Financial Aid Applicant:

Last

First

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Gavilan ID

Phone where you can best be reached:

(_____) _____ - _____

CONFIRMATION OF DEPENDENCY STATUS: ORPHAN, FOSTER YOUTH, WARD OF THE COURT, EMANCIPATED MINOR, OR LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP

You indicated on the FAFSA that you meet one of the definitions for independent status listed below, and therefore parental financial information was not required on the FAFSA. In order to proceed with the determination of your financial aid eligibility, we need additional documentation to confirm your status. Please review the items below and check the box that corresponds to your particular situation (check only one box). Complete and sign this form, attach the requested documentation to this form, and submit the packet to our office.

PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE BOX BELOW, AND PROVIDE OUR OFFICE WITH THE REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION.

- ☐ **Orphan:** You are considered an independent student if BOTH of your parents were deceased when you were age 13 or older, even if you are now adopted. Check this box and attach a photocopy of your Parents' Death Certificates.
- ☐ **Foster Youth:** Check this box if you have been identified as a foster youth at any time since the age of 13. Please attach a photocopy of the court documents that indicate your foster youth status.
- ☐ **Ward of the Court:** The federal definition of "Ward of the Court" is that the court determined your parent(s) were unable to care for you, and the State or the Court took legal custody of you. You were removed from your parent's custody for your protection. If you have been named a "Ward of the Court" at any time since the age of 13, check this box and attach a photocopy of the court order or a letter from your Social Worker verifying your "Ward of the Court" status. You cannot check "Yes" to "Ward of the Court" if you were convicted of a crime as a juvenile and became a Ward of the Court through the California probation system. If this is your situation you will need to correct your FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov by adding your parent financial information and parent signature.
- ☐ **Emancipated Minor:** Emancipation is the legal process by which youth are released from the control of their parent or guardian. Check this box and attach a photocopy of the court's Declaration of Emancipation. Check this box even if you are no longer a minor, but the Declaration of Emancipation was in effect at the time you became an adult. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued. If you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect, you will need to change your answer on the FAFSA by logging onto www.fafsa.gov.
- ☐ **Legal Guardianship:** If you have a court-appointed legal guardian, please check this box and attach a photocopy of the court order. Check this box even if you are no longer a minor, but the legal guardianship was in effect at the time you became an adult. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued. If you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect, you will need to change your answer on the FAFSA by logging onto www.fafsa.gov.

* If you are unable to provide the requested documentation and are still unable to provide parent financial information, please contact the Financial Aid Office located in Administration building or contact us at 408-848-4727.

By signing this form, you certify that all information reported on it is complete and correct. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

Signature

Date