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Last First

CSU ID # _____

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2008-2009 Orphan/Ward of the Court Verification

We have completed the initial review of your 2008-2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and have determined that we need additional information regarding your orphan/ward of the court status. Please complete this form, attach the appropriate documentation and return it to us.

PROCESSING OF YOUR AID HAS STOPPED UNTIL THIS FORM AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ARE RETURNED TO CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY.

You indicated on the FAFSA that you are an orphan or ward of the court. Please respond to the following questions:

1. Are both of your parents deceased? YES* NO
**If both of your parents are deceased and you do not have adoptive parents, you must provide copies of both parents' death certificates.*

2. Are you (or were you until age 18) a ward/ dependent of the court? YES* NO
If yes, you must attach a copy of the entire court document indicating your status **OR a letter from a Social Services agency stating that you were a ward of the court until your 18th birthday.*

***IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO EITHER OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, YOU ARE CONSIDERED TO BE AN ORPHAN OR A WARD OF THE COURT AND ARE INDEPENDENT FOR FINANCIAL AID PURPOSES. PLEASE ATTACH THE REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION AND SIGN THE "STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION" BELOW.**

IF YOU ANSWERED "NO" TO BOTH QUESTIONS, GO TO #3.

3. Do you have an adoptive parent? YES** NO
If yes, you must provide adoptive parent income information on the FAFSA.

****IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO THIS QUESTION OR "NO" TO QUESTIONS 1-2, YOU WILL NEED TO FILE YOUR FAFSA AS A DEPENDENT STUDENT USING PARENTS' OR ADOPTIVE PARENTS' INFORMATION BY ANSWERING "NO" TO ORPHAN/WARD OF COURT (question #53) AND ADDING ALL PARENT INFORMATION (questions #56 - # 90) INCLUDING PARENT(S) SIGNATURE (#99) ON YOUR FAFSA (WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV).**

Statement of Certification: I certify that the information provided to document my independent status is true and complete.

Student's Signature

Date

Office use only:

Staff initials