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### ***2016-2017 Verification of Legal Guardianship or Emancipated Minor***

You indicated on your FAFSA that you have been determined by a court in your state of legal residence that you are in legal guardianship OR that you are determined by a court in your state of legal residence an emancipated minor. According to the FAFSA instructions, the definition of legal guardianship does not include your parents, even if they were appointed by a court to be your guardians. You are also not considered a legal guardian of yourself. Your financial aid cannot be finalized until we receive proper documentation of legal guardianship or emancipated minor status.

#### **For questions 54 and 55 on the FAFSA:**

You are to answer **YES** if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that **as of today** you are an emancipated minor or are in legal guardianship. Also answer **YES** if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that you were an emancipated minor or were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. **The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time of the court's decision was issued.**

You are to answer **NO** if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect or the court decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult.

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**If you entered this information incorrectly or you are not in legal guardianship, you must log back into your FAFSA and correct this information. This will also include entering your parent(s)/adoptive parent(s) tax information. You and your parent(s)/adoptive parent(s) must sign these corrections with the FSA ID.**

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#### **To verify this information and for our office to proceed with your FAFSA application, please submit the following:**

Submit to our office copies of letters of authority or letters of guardianship from a judge stating that you are in legal guardianship and/or an emancipated minor. These documents must clearly state your name and must be issued from the court in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.

*If you have questions please email our office [finaid@warren-wilson.edu](mailto:finaid@warren-wilson.edu) or call our office at 828.771.2082.*