**Missouri State University-West Plains**

**2021-2022 PROOF OF EMANCIPATED MINOR or LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP STATUS**

Complete form in blue or black ink.

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**Please complete this form and return it with the requested information or documentation.**

Your financial aid status as an Independent student is based solely on your answer to questions #45-57 of the FAFSA application regarding your status as an emancipated minor or under legal guardianship. To verify that you are an emancipated minor or under legal guardianship, our office requires the following: **A copy of the court's decision that you are an emancipated minor or are in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state, 18 in Missouri. The court must be located in your state of legal residence.** If this question was answered in error, please go back onto the FAFSA, correct the question and add your parental data.

***\*Guardian ad litem, legal conservatorship,* and *legal custodian* are not considered *Legal Guardianship* for FAFSA purposes. Your biological or adoptive parents are also not considered legal guardians even if so appointed by the court.**

Please let us know which way you plan to proceed. Please check the box that applies:

I am supplying the appropriate documentation.

I plan to correct my FAFSA and add parental data.

Please submit this documentation to our office as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information on this form, that I have appropriately attached all supporting documents, and certify that all information submitted is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submitting this form does not guarantee that my request will be granted.

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