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FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

2014-2015 VERIFICATION OF DEPENDENCY STATUS

Student's Name _____

Student ID # _____

The Financial Aid Office has determined that you answered YES to one or more of the following questions on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application. Your status as an Independent student has been based solely on your response to these questions and the Ventura County Community College District requires that you confirm and/or verify your status. If you answer NO to all of the dependency questions below, you must make the appropriate corrections to your FAFSA and, if required, provide your parent's information and signature on your FAFSA. For more information regarding each of these statuses, please refer to the 2014-2015 FAFSA application online at www.fafsa.gov.

☐ I do not meet the criteria listed below. I made an error on the FAFSA application. I am aware that if this is the only factor making me independent, I must have my parent complete the parent section of the FAFSA and sign the FAFSA in order for my application to be processed.

MASTER'S OR GRADUATE PROGRAM VERIFICATION

Master's and doctorate programs are higher education programs (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate, etc.).

At the beginning of the school year, will you have your bachelor's degree? Yes ☐ No ☐

At the beginning of the school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you will be working on a master's or graduate program, indicate school: _____

DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN YOUR CHILD/SPOUSE

These dependents are people other than your child or spouse who live with you (not your parents) who receive more than half of their support from you when you filed your FAFSA and will continue to live with you and receive your support through June 30, 2015.

Do you have dependents who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please complete the following:

Name	Age	Relationship

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DECEASED PARENT VERIFICATION

Deceased parent means that you have no living parent (biological or adoptive). You may be required to provide copies of death certificates.

Since you turned 13, are both your parents deceased (biological or adoptive)?

Yes No
☐ ☐

Please indicate the dates your parents passed away.

Mother: _____

Father: _____

FOSTER CARE VERIFICATION

You may have reported on the FAFSA application that since you turned age 13, you were in foster care.

Were you in foster care at any time since you turned 13 years old?

Yes No
☐ ☐

Can you provide a court document or letter from your social worker verifying this status?
(If yes, attach verification.)

☐ ☐

WARD OF THE COURT VERIFICATION

You may have reported on the FAFSA application that since you turned age 13, you were a Dependent or Ward of the Court. You are considered a Ward of the Court if your parent(s) were unable to care for you as a minor, the state or court took legal custody of you, and you were removed from the custody of your parent(s) for your protection. Note: For federal student aid purposes, someone who was incarcerated is not considered a Ward of the Court.

At any time since you turned age 13, were you a Dependent or Ward of the Court?

Yes No
☐ ☐

Can you provide a court document or letter from your social worker verifying this status?
(If yes, attach verification.)

☐ ☐

EMANCIPATED MINOR

The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued. The court's decision must still be in affect if you are still a minor or must have been in effect at the time you became an adult.

Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?

Yes No
☐ ☐

Can you provide a court document verifying this status?
(If yes, attach verification.)

☐ ☐

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LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP

The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued. The court's decision must still be in affect if you are still a minor or must have been in effect at the time you became an adult.

	Yes	No
Are you or were you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can you provide a court document verifying this status? (If yes, attach verification.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

HOMELESS VERIFICATION

"Homeless" means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you were unable to find adequate housing.
"Unaccompanied" means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.
"Youth" means you are 21 years of age or younger or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you signed the FAFSA.

Unaccompanied Youth who was homeless determined by school	Yes	No
At any time on or after July 1, 2013, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Unaccompanied Youth who was homeless determined by HUD	Yes	No
At any time on or after July 1, 2013, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Unaccompanied Youth who was homeless and at risk of being homeless	Yes	No
At any time on or after July 1, 2013, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you do not have a determination but believe you are an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or are an unaccompanied youth providing for your own living expenses who is at risk of being homeless, please attach a notarized letter from a person you temporarily lived with or knows of your situation.

By signing this form you certify that the information reported is complete. If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

Student's Signature

Date

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