**FOSTER CARE VERIFICATION**

This Foster Care Verification form serves as official documentation verifying the individual named below was placed in foster care on or after age thirteen (13) for the length of time indicated for purposes of the FAFSA or any other program, service, or benefit for which foster care placement is an eligibility requirement including, but not limited to, Medicaid.

Name of Foster Youth:

Date of Birth (*MM/DD/YYYY*):

Date of Foster Care Placement (*MM/DD/YYYY*):

Date of Foster Care Release (*MM/DD/YYYY*):

A “case review system” is a procedure for assuring that, among other things, each child in foster care under the responsibility of the State who has attained 14 years of age receives without cost the following:

(1) a copy of any consumer report (as defined in section 603(d) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act [[15 USCS § 1681a(d)](http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=granuleid:USC-prelim-title15-section1681a&num=0&edition=prelim)]) pertaining to the child each year until the child is discharged from care,

(2) assistance (including, when feasible, from any court-appointed advocate for the child) in interpreting and resolving any inaccuracies in the consumer report, and,

(3) if the child is leaving foster care by reason of having attained 18 years of age or such greater age as the State has elected unless the child has been in foster care for less than 6 months, is not discharged from care without being provided with (if the child is eligible to receive such document)

1. an official or certified copy of the United States birth certificate of the child,
2. a social security card issued by the Commissioner of Social Security,
3. health insurance information,
4. a copy of the child's medical records,
5. a driver's license or identification card issued by a State in accordance with the requirements of section 202 of the REAL ID Act of 2005 [[49 USCS § 30301](http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=granuleid:USC-prelim-title49-section30301&num=0&edition=prelim) note], and
6. any official documentation necessary to prove that the child was previously in foster care.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) includes a question regarding whether the student was a dependent/ward of the court at any time since age thirteen (13) years, even if the student is no longer a dependent/ward of the court at the time of completing the application. FASFA instructions direct the student to answer YES if the student was in foster care any time since age thirteen (13) years, even if the student is no longer in foster care at the time of completing the application. FAFSA instructions direct the student to the student’s state child welfare agency if the student is not sure if s/he was in foster care.

I affirm under the penalties of perjury the foregoing information is true and accurate.

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Printed Name of Probation Officer

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Signature of Probation Officer