OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Assisting Students with Web-Only Foster Care Question Correction

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education uses foster care responses from the FAFSA to identify students for the Fostering Independence Grant. When completing the FAFSA Online, logic has been built into the application to reduce the number of questions students must answer. Most of the questions that can be skipped are in the section used to determine "Independent Student" status. One of these is <u>Question 52</u>: "At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?". This is one of two ways students can identify themselves as being previously in foster care. The second question is the "Web-only" Foster Care Question. In situations where the student failed to answer yes to this question and was not presented Question #52, the screenshots below show how a student can make a correction to their 2022-2023 FAFSA application and answer yes to the <u>"Web-only" Foster Care Question</u>. Students can also use these screens to confirm their prior responses.

 The student will need to log into <u>https://studentaid.gov</u>, reach the Current Application Status screen, and then select the "Make Corrections" action.

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What Hap	ens Next		
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	FAFSA form.		

2. Select the "Student Demographics" tab.

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3. Scroll down and select "Yes" to the question "Are you a foster youth or were you in the foster care system at any time?

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4. After answering "Yes", the student must go to the end of the application and submit the FAFSA correction. The end of the application will show the corrections being made.

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Are the	student's parents deceased? Is the student ward of court? Is the student in foster care? (question	2)
Yes		
Update	d from "No Response"	

5. At the bottom of the Submission screen, the student must select the checkbox agreeing to the terms outlined and click "Sign the FAFSA Form". Finally, they will click the "Submit My FAFSA Form Now" button.

🛃 I, Maxine Demolastname, agree to the terms	s outlined above. ⑦
Sign This FAFSA Form	
Previous	Submit My FAFSA Form Now

6. The student will see a "Congratulations" message on the screen after the correction has been submitted.



7. The student can log out of the FAFSA. After a correction is submitted, the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and the college will receive the correction from Federal Student Aid with C-Code 165 and 166 within a week. The Minnesota will check with the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) on prior foster care status. If the foster care status is confirmed by DHS, the student will be added to the college's Fostering Independence Grant roster in MNAid.