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Question 5 under Personal Circumstances provides separate options for being a “ward of the court” or “in foster care.” As these terms are often considered interchangeable, we recommend that “ward of the court” and “in foster care” be merged into a single question. If these remain as separate questions, there should be help text available that distinguishes under which circumstances a student would select one vs. the other. We are concerned that a youth who meets this criteria will be confused and unclear which option to select, posing a barrier to them completing the FAFSA.