



Dependency Status Questions

“Step Three” of the FAFSA form is used to determine the student’s status as either dependent or independent. If you can answer “yes” to any of the questions listed below, you are considered an independent student for federal financial aid purposes. If you answer “no” to all of the questions listed below, you are considered a dependent student for federal financial aid purposes, and you will need to provide all information necessary to complete your parent’s section of the FAFSA.

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| 1. Were you born before January 1, 2001? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 2. As of today, are you married? (Also answer “Yes” if you are separated but not divorced) | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 3. At the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, will you be working on a master’s or doctorate program (such as MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD or graduate certificate, etc)? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 4. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 5. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 6. Do you now have, or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 7. Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2025? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 8. 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? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 9. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 10. Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 11. At any time on or after July 1, 2023, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 12. At any time on or after July 1, 2023, 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 or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 13. At any time on or after July 1, 2023, 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="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |

****Additional documentation may be required to confirm the answers on this form****

Student’s FULL Legal Name	Student’s Signature	Date
Parent’s Signature (only necessary if you answered “No” to all questions above)		Date