

**JACKSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**2008 – 2009 “STEP THREE” of the FAFSA form**

“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.

- 1. Were you born before January 1, 1985?  Yes  No
  
- 2. At the beginning of the 2008-2009 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)?  Yes  No
  
- 3. As of today, are you married? (Answer “Yes” if you are separated but not divorced.)  Yes  No
  
- 4. Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?  Yes  No
  
- 5. 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, 2009?  Yes  No
  
- 6. Are (a) both of your parents deceased, or (b) are you (or were you until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court?  Yes  No
  
- 7. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?  Yes  No
  
- 8. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? (If you are not sure how to answer this question, please contact the Financial Aid Office.)  Yes  No

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(necessary only for students that have answered “no” to all questions above)