

2009-2010 “STEP THREE” of the FAFSA application

“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, 1986? Yes No
2. As of today, are you married? (Answer “Yes” if you are separated but not divorced) Yes No
3. At the beginning of the 2009-2010 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
4. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training? Yes No
5. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? Yes No
6. Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2009, and June 30, 2010? Yes No
7. Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and will receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2010? Yes No
8. When you were age 13 or older, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent/ward of the court? Yes No
9. As of today, are you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? Yes No
10. As of today, are you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? Yes No
11. At any time on or after July 1, 2008, did your high school or school district homeless liaison, determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? Yes No
12. At any time on or after July 1, 2008, did the director of an emergency shelter program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? Yes No
13. At any time on or after July 1, 2008, 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? Yes No

Student’s Name

Student’s Signature

Student’s SSN

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