



DEPENDENCY STATUS QUESTIONS

Answer the following questions to determine if parental data is needed on your FAFSA.

If you answer "no" to every question, you are dependent and must provide parental information on the FAFSA.

If you answer "yes" to any question, you are independent and should not include parental information on the FAFSA.

Yes No Were you born before January 1, 2001?

Yes No Are you married?

Yes No Will you be working on a master's or doctorate program at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year?

Yes No Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or currently serving on active duty?

Yes No Do you have children who live with you and will receive more than half of their support from you from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025?

Yes No Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2025?

Yes No 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?

Yes No As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?

Yes No Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?

Yes No At any time on or after July 1, 2024, did you live in a shelter care facility, a residential treatment center, or a residential substance abuse treatment center?
