

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.

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| Yes | No | Were you born before January 1, 1998? |
| Yes | No | Are you married? |
| Yes | No | Will you be working on a master’s or doctorate program at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year? |
| Yes | No | Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or currently serving on active duty? |
| Yes | No | Do you now have, or will you have, children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022? |
| Yes | No | 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, 2022? |
| 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, 2020, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? |
| Yes | No | At any time on or after July 1, 2020, 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? |
| Yes | No | At any time on or after July 1, 2020, 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? |



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