

Are you Dependent or Independent Student on the 2019/2020 FAFSA?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions, the FAFSA considers you as an Independent Student

1. Were you born before January 1, 1996?
2. As of today, are you married? (answer “yes” if you are separated but not divorced.)
3. At the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year, will you be working on a master’s or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PnD, EdD, graduate certificate, etc.)? **(THIS WILL NOT BE ANY STUDENTS ATTENDING OTC)**
4. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
5. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
6. Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020?
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 thorough June 30, 2020?
8. At any time since you turned 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court? **(documentation required)**
9. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor? **(documentation required)**
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? **(documentation required)**
11. At any time on or after July 1, 2017, 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? **(documentation required)**
12. At any time on or after July 1, 2018, 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? **(documentation required)**
13. At any time on or after July 1, 2018, 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? **(documentation required)**