

What's Your FAFSA Dependency Status?



2016-17

Answer 'yes' or 'no' to these questions to determine if you'll need to provide your parent's information

	Yes	No
1. Were you born before January 1, 1993?	_____	_____
2. As of today, are you married? (Also answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.)	_____	_____
3. At the beginning of the 2016-17 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an M.A., M.B.A., M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., graduate certificate, etc.)?	_____	_____
4. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training? (If you are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee, are you on active duty for other than state or training purposes?)	_____	_____
5. Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?*	_____	_____
6. Will any children receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017?	_____	_____
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 through June 30, 2017?	_____	_____
8. 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?	_____	_____
9. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?	_____	_____
10. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship by someone other than your parent or stepparent?	_____	_____
11. At any time on or after July 1, 2015, did your high school or district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?	_____	_____
12. At any time on or after July 1, 2015, did the 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?	_____	_____
13. At any time on or after July 1, 2015, 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 self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?	_____	_____

*Answer 'No' (you are not a veteran) if you (1) have never engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, (2) are currently a ROTC student or a cadet or midshipman at a service academy, (3) a National Guard or Reserves enlistee activated only for state or training purposes, or (4) were engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces but released under dishonorable conditions. Also answer 'No' if you are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and will continue to serve through June 30, 2015.
Answer 'Yes' (you are a veteran) if you (1) have engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard) or are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who was called to active duty for other than state or training purposes, or were a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies and (2) were released under a condition other than dishonorable. Also answer 'Yes' if you are not a veteran now but will be one by June 30, 2015.

If you answered **yes** to one or more of these questions, you are considered an **independent student** on the FAFSA. You will **not** need to provide your parent's information when completing your FAFSA application. Contact the college or university you plan to attend for more information about your dependency status.