In order to be considered “Independent” for financial aid, you must be able to say “YES” to one of the following FAFSA questions.

**FAFSA Dependency Questions**

- Were you born before Jan. 1, 1991?
- Are you married? (Also answer “Yes” if you are separated but not divorced.)
- At the beginning of the 2015–2016 school year, will you be working on a master’s or doctorate degree program (such as an M.A., M.B.A., M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., graduate certificate, etc.)?
- 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?)
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?
- Do you now have—or will you have—children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015?
- 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, 2015?
- 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?
- Has it been decided by a court in your state of legal residence that you are an emancipated minor or that you are in a legal guardianship? (Legal guardianship refers to someone other than your parents.)
- At any time on or after July 1, 2013, were you determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless, as determined by (a) your high school or district homeless liaison, (b) the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or (c) the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program?

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<th>If you have answered all questions NO, you are a considered a Dependent student and will need to provide all parent(s) INFO.</th>
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<td>If you answered YES to any of the questions, you are considered an Independent student. You will not have to provide parental information. Documentation may be required.</td>
<td>If you submit your FAFSA without parental info, and were directed to do so, you should follow up with the Financial Aid Office.</td>
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