

Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships

2024-2025 INDEPENDENT STUDENT STATUS QUESTIONS

Student's Name: _____ - _____ - _____

You answered "yes" to a question in Step Three of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which determines a student's dependency status. The FAFSA uses the first question you answer "yes" to makes the assumption that you are an independent student. However, additional verification is requested within the financial aid office to determine if this status is correct. Based on the verification document you submitted, it was determined that you should not be considered independent for Federal aid purposes. In order for our office to continue to determine your dependency status, please complete all questions below, which you may not have been given the option to answer when completing the 2024-2025 FAFSA.		
□ Yes	□ No	Were you born before January 1, 2001?
□ Yes	□ No	As of today, are you married? Answer Yes, if you are separated but not divorced.
□ Yes	□ No	At the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc.)?
□ Yes	□ No	Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
□ Yes	□ No	Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
□ Yes	□ No	Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2024 and June $30, 2025$?
□ Yes	□ No	Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who will 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	As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship?
□ Yes	□ No	At the time on or after July 1, 2023, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
□ Yes	□ No	At the time on or after July 1, 2023, 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, 2023, 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?
By signing this statement, we certify that all information on this form is complete and correct. *If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.		
Note: Electronic signatures will not be accepted. You must print to sign.		
Student's	Sionature	Date