Do I Have to Provide My Parents' Information on the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA℠)?

All applicants for federal student aid are considered either "independent" or "dependent." Dependent students are required to include information about their parents on the FAFSA. By answering a few questions, you can get a good idea of which category you fit into.

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Will you be 24 or older by Dec. 31 of the school year for which you are applying for financial aid?

- Yes
- No

Will you be working toward a master's or doctorate degree (such as M.A., M.B.A., M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)?

- Yes
- No

Are you married or separated but not divorced?

- Yes
- No

Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?

- Yes
- No

Do you have dependents (other than children or a spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you?

- Yes
- No

At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a ward or dependent of the court?

- Yes

Are you an emancipated minor or are you in a legal guardianship as determined by a court?

- Yes

Are you an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

- Yes
- No

MILITARY

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

You may be a Dependent Student

If none of the criteria listed above apply to you, you may be considered a dependent student and may be required to provide your parents' financial information when completing the FAFSA.

You may be an Independent Student

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you may be an independent student. You may not be required to provide parental information on your FAFSA.

If you have questions about your dependency status or need more information, please visit StudentAid.gov/dependency.