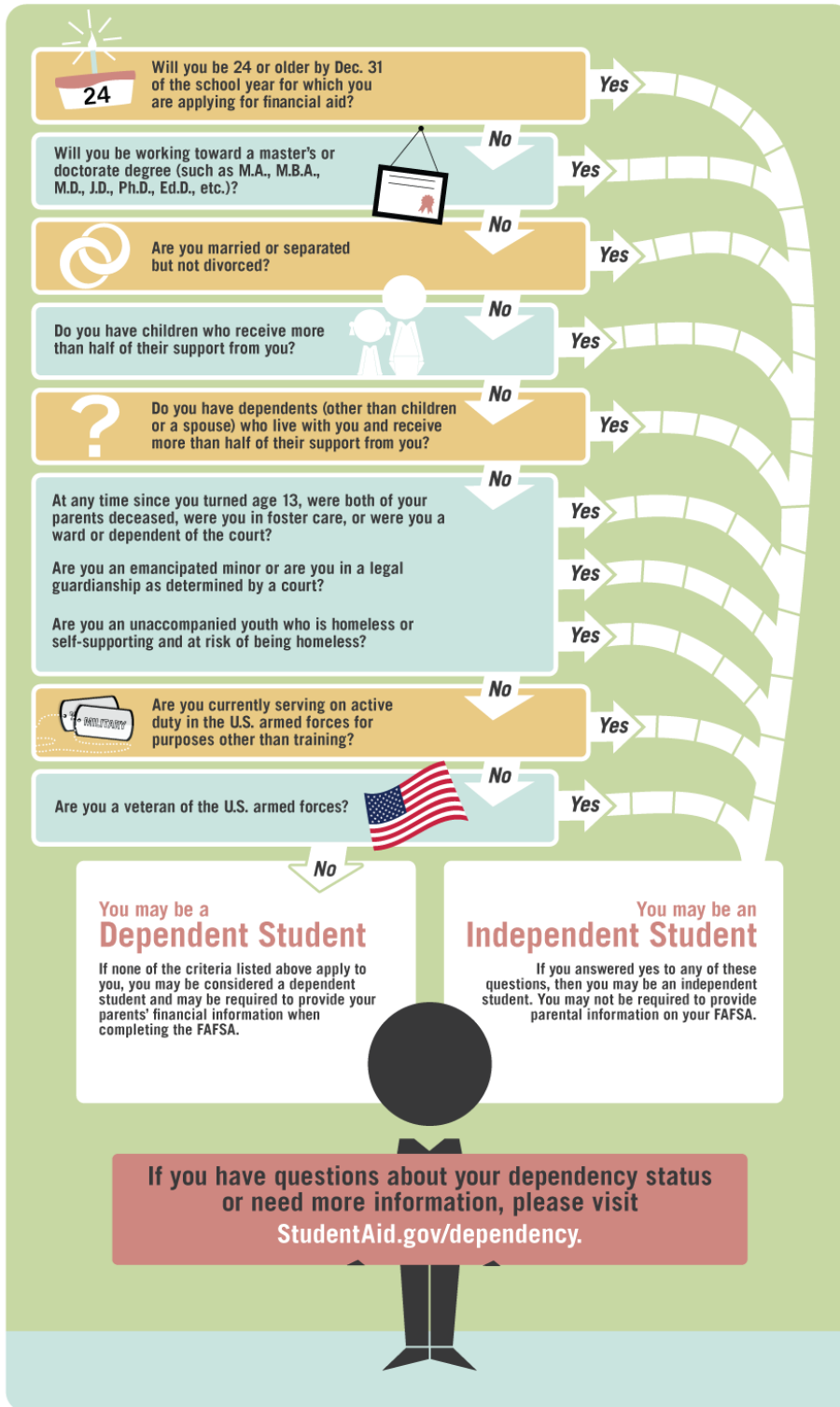


# Do I Have to Provide My Parents' Information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA<sup>SM</sup>)?

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.



# It All Starts Here

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid

### Things You Will Need...

- Parent and student FAFSA ID
- Parent & student Social Security Number
- Student driver's license number
- Parent & student email address
- Parent & student W-2 forms
- Parent & student 2018 Federal Income Tax Return
- Parent & student untaxed income records (Social Security benefits, TANF, Child Support, etc.)
- Parent & student current business, investment, and mortgage information
- Student's Alien Registration number or Permanent Resident card, if applicable
- Date parents moved to Texas
- Parent(s)' anniversary or divorce date
- Parent(s)' date(s) of birth
- Education level for both parents

### Am I Dependent or Independent?

Most high school students are **DEPENDENT**, meaning that they must use their parent(s)' income along with their own. We will help you determine if you are not dependent. For a list of criteria, click here:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/1920/help/need-parent-info>

### Click Here...

To begin, complete, or get more information about the FAFSA:

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/index.htm>

YOU MAY BEGIN FILING  
YOUR FAFSA ON

**OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

For the 2020-2021 school  
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