Are you an Independent or Dependent student?

Answer the questions in this step to determine if you will need to provide parental information on the FAFSA report. If you answer “Yes” to any of the questions, you are considered Independent and will NOT require Parental information.

A. Were you born before January 1, 1989?

B. As of today, are you married? (Also answer “Yes” if you are separated but not divorce)

C. At the beginning of 2012-2013 school year, will you be working on a master’s or Doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate, etc.)?

D. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for the purposes other than training?

E. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

F. Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013?

G. Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2013?

H. 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?

I. As determined by the court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an Emancipated minor?

J. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship?

K. At any time on or after July 1, 2011, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?

L. At any time on or after July 1, 2011, 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?

M. At any time on or after July 1, 2011, 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?