

Dependency Status

The requirements for a student to be considered "independent" for financial aid purposes are very strict. If you aren't genuinely independent, you should select "Dependent Student" below. If you are an independent student, do not fill in the parent information section, but do add the salary and assets of your spouse to your own in the student information section and provide your family information (not your parents' family information) in the family information section.

Dependent Student

Independent Student

Number in Family

The number in family is the family size, including the student. It should include the number of people in the household that will get more than half their support during the award year from the household. Support includes money, gifts, loans, housing, food, clothes, car, medical and dental care, payment of college costs, and so on.

If the student is dependent, include the student and the student's parents. Also include the parents' other children if they get more than half their support from the parents (or if they would be required to provide parental information when submitting a FAFSA). Other people may be included only if they currently live with and currently get more than half of their support from the student's parents, and will continue to get more than half their support from the student's parents during the award year.

If the student is independent, include the student's spouse. Also include the student's children if they get more than half their support from the student. Other people may be included only if they currently live with the student, currently get more than half of their support from the student, and will get more than half their support from the student during the award year.

Number in Family: _____

Age of Older Parent: _____

Number in College

The number in college should include only those family members who are enrolled at least half time and working toward a degree in an eligible accredited Title IV institution of higher education. (Students enrolled in one of the military academies, such as West Point and Annapolis, do not count.) The student should always be counted, even if enrolled less than half-time.

Number in College: _____

Income and Assets

Student Income: _____ Parent Income: _____

Student Assets: _____ Parent Assets: _____
(business/farm) (business/farm)

Student Assets: _____ Parent Assets: _____
(other) (other)

I confirm that the information provided in this application is up-to-date and correct.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____