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# 2023-24 FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

## Initial Step 1

### **2023-2024 Dependency Test for Federal Title IV Financial Assistance**

#### **TAKE THE 2023-2024 DEPENDENCY TEST:**

This will help you to determine if you will be required to provide information from your parent(s) on your FAFSA.

Please read through and answer questions on the attached form.

If you (the student) answer "YES" to any question, you need only to report your (and spouse's, if married) 2021 income and assets on your FAFSA.

**If you answer "NO" to every question, you are required to report your and your parents' 2021 income/asset information.**



## 2023-2024 Dependency Test Federal Title IV Financial Assistance

Once you answer **“YES”** to any question....



You are considered an independent student.

You need only to provide your (and your spouse's, if married) **2021** income, current asset information and any documentation required below.

Were you born before January 1, 2000?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
As of today, are you married?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Answer “Yes” if you are separated but not divorced. “As of today” refers to the day that you sign your FAFSA.
At the beginning of the 2023-2024 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.)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Answer “Yes” if you are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces or are a National Guard or Reserve enlistee who is on active duty for other than state or training purposes. Answer “No” if you are a National Guard or Reserve enlistee who is on active duty for state or training purposes.
Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Answer “Yes” if you (1) have engaged in active duty (including basic training) in the U.S. Armed Forces or are a National Guard or Reserve enlistee who was called to active duty for other than state or training purposes or were a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, and (2) were released under a condition other than dishonorable. Also answer “Yes” if you are not a veteran now but will be by June 30, 2024. Answer “No” if you (1) have never engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, (2) are currently an ROTC student or a cadet or midshipman at a service academy, (3) are a National Guard or Reserve enlistee activated only for state or training purposes, or (4) were engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces but released under dishonorable conditions. Also answer “No” if you are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and will continue to serve through June 30, 2024.  <b>Documentation Required:</b> Copy of DD214.
Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2024?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Answer “Yes” if you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who <b>live with you</b> and who receive more than half of their support from you, <b>now and through June 30, 2024</b> .  <b>Documentation Required:</b> You will be required to provide the dependent’s name and age, the parent’s name and the dependent’s relationship to you. Additionally, you will need to document that your household is the dependent’s primary residence, the services that you provide and the dates the dependent resided with you.

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<p><b>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?</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<p><b>Answer “Yes”</b> if you had no living parent (biological or adoptive) at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are now adopted. <b>Answer “Yes”</b> if you were in foster care at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer in foster care as of today. <b>Answer “Yes”</b> if you were a dependent or ward of the court at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court as of today.</p> <p><b>Documentation Required:</b> Proof that you were in foster care or a dependent or ward of the court.</p>
<p><b>As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<p><b>Answer “Yes”</b> if you can provide a copy of a court’s decision that as of today you are an emancipated minor or are in legal guardianship. <b>Also answer “Yes”</b> if you can provide a copy of a court’s decision that you were an emancipated minor or were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state.</p> <p><b>Documentation Required:</b> Copy of Court decision. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court’s decision was issued.</p>
<p><b>Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
<p><b>At any time on or after July 1, 2022, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<p><b>Answer “Yes”</b> if you received a determination at any time on or after July 1, 2022, that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of being homeless.</p> <p>“<b>Homeless</b>” means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you had nowhere else to go. “<b>Unaccompanied</b>” means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian. “<b>Youth</b>” means you are 21 years of age or younger or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you sign this application.</p> <p><b>Documentation Required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determination from your high school or school district homeless liaison that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless.</li> <li>• Determination from the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless.</li> <li>• Determination from the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.</li> </ul>
<p><b>At any time on or after July 1, 2022, 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 or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
<p><b>At any time on or after July 1, 2022, 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?</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	

***If you answer “NO” to every question, you are considered a dependent student. This means that you must provide information (2021 income and current asset information) from your custodial parent(s), as defined by the US Department of***