

Were you born before January 1, 2002?	YES	NO
As of today, are you married? (Answer YES if you are separated but not divorced)	YES	NO
At the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year, will you be working on a Master's or Doctorate degree program (M.A., M.B.A., M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., Graduate Certificate, etc.)?	YES	NO
Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training? (If you are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee, are you on active duty for other than state or training purposes?)	YES	NO
Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?*	YES	NO
Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026?	YES	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 between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026?	YES	NO
At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, you were in foster care or were a dependent or ward of the court?	YES	NO
As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?	YES	NO
As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship?	YES	NO
At any time on or after July 1, 2024, were you determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless, determined by (a) your high school or district homeless liaison or (b) the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development?	YES	NO
At any time on or after July 1, 2024, 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?	YES	NO

* Answer **No** (you are not a veteran) if you (1) have never engaged in active duty in the U.S. armed forces, (2) are currently a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) student or a cadet or midshipman at a service academy, (3) are a National Guard or Reserves 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, 2026.

Answer **Yes** (you are a veteran) if you (1) have engaged in active duty in the U.S. armed forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard) or are a National Guard or Reserves 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 one by June 30, 2026.

If you answered YES to any of the questions above, then for federal student aid purposes, you are considered to be an independent student and you will not have to provide parental data on the FAFSA.

If you answered NO to every question above, then for federal student aid purposes, you are considered to be a dependent student and you will need to provide parental data on the FAFSA.

If you have no contact with your parents and don't know where they live, you should discuss your situation with our office.