

## 2019–20 FAFSA dependent/independent

The FAFSA allows you to apply for federal, state and some college-based financial aid. You must reapply every year you attend a postsecondary institution. Requested information may change from year to year. Be aware of the different national, state and college financial aid deadlines for the FAFSA. If you are an “independent” student, you will only need to provide your personal information, and your spouse’s, if married. If you are considered “dependent,” you will need both your and your legal parent(s) information.

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Are you “independent” or “dependent”? If you answer “yes” to any of the questions below, you are considered “independent”:

Y  N Were you born before Jan. 1, 1996?

Y  N Are you married as of the day you file your FAFSA?

Y  N Will you be working on a Master’s degree or doctoral degree at the beginning of the 2019–20 school year?

Y  N Are you a veteran or active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces?

Y  N Do you have children who will be receiving more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020?

Y  N Do you have any dependents (other than a child or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you now and through June 30, 2020?

Y  N 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?

Y  N Have you been declared an emancipated minor by a court in the state where you have your legal residence?

Y  N Have you been placed in legal guardianship by a court in the state where you have your legal residence?

Y  N At any time on or after July 1, 2018, 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?

Y  N At any time on or after July 1, 2018, 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? Visit <https://journeycollege.mo.gov/plan/foster-and-homeless-youth/> for more information.