

Common FAFSA Filing Questions

Citizenship Requirements

14. Are you a U.S. citizen?
Mark only one.
See Notes page 2.

Yes, I am a U.S. citizen (U.S. national). **Skip to question 16.** 1

No, but I am an eligible noncitizen. **Fill in question 15.** 2

No, I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen. **Skip to question 16.** 3

15. Alien Registration Number

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If you are an eligible noncitizen, write in your eight- or nine-digit Alien Registration Number. Generally, you are an eligible noncitizen if you are (1) a permanent U.S. resident with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551); (2) a conditional permanent resident (I-551C); or (3) the holder of an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations: “Refugee,” “Asylum Granted,” “Parolee” (I-94 confirms that you were paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired), “Victim of human trafficking,” T-Visa holder (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.) or “Cuban-Haitian Entrant.”

If you are in the U.S. on an F1 or F2 student visa, a J1 or J2 exchange visitor visa, or a G series visa (pertaining to international organizations), select “No, I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen.” You will not be eligible for federal student aid; however, you should still complete the application because you may be eligible for state or college aid.

Reporting Parental Information

Answer all the questions in Step Four about your parents even if you do not live with them. Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, aunts and uncles are not considered parents on this form unless they have legally adopted you.

- If your parents are living and married to each other, answer the questions about them.
- If your parent is widowed or single, answer the questions about that parent.
- If your widowed parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and your stepparent.
- If your parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions about the parent you lived with more during the past 12 months. (If you did not live with one parent more than the other, give answers about the parent who provided more financial support during the past 12 months, or during the most recent year that you actually received support from a parent.) If this parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and your stepparent.

Instructions Regarding Dislocated Worker Questions

Notes for questions 83 (page 6) and 101 (page 8)

In general, a person may be considered a dislocated worker if he or she:

- is receiving unemployment benefits due to being laid off or losing a job and is unlikely to return to a previous occupation;
- has been laid off or received a lay-off notice from a job;
- was self-employed but is now unemployed due to economic conditions or natural disaster; or
- is a displaced homemaker. A displaced homemaker is generally a person who previously provided unpaid services to the family (e.g., a stay-at-home mom or dad), is no longer supported by the husband or wife, is unemployed or underemployed, and is having trouble finding or upgrading employment.

If a person quits work, generally he or she is not considered a dislocated worker even if, for example, the person is receiving unemployment benefits.

Answer “Yes” to question 83 if your parent is a dislocated worker. Answer “Yes” to question 101 if you or your spouse is a dislocated worker.

Answer “No” to question 83 if your parent is not a dislocated worker. Answer “No” to question 101 if neither you nor your spouse is a dislocated worker.

Answer “Don’t know” to question 83 if you are not sure whether your parent is a dislocated worker. Answer “Don’t know” to question 101 if you are not sure whether you or your spouse is a dislocated worker. You can contact your financial aid office for assistance in answering these questions.

Note that the financial aid administrator at your school may require you to provide proof that your parent is a dislocated worker, if you answered “Yes” to question 83, or that you or your spouse is a dislocated worker, if you answered “Yes” to question 101.

Dependency Questions

46. Were you born before January 1, 1987?	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	1	No	<input type="radio"/>	2
47. As of today, are you married? (Also answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.)	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	1	No	<input type="radio"/>	2
48. At the beginning of the 2010–2011 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.)?	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	1	No	<input type="radio"/>	2
49. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training? See Notes page 2.	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	1	No	<input type="radio"/>	2
50. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? See Notes page 9.	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	1	No	<input type="radio"/>	2
51. Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011?	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	1	No	<input type="radio"/>	2
52. 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, 2011?	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	1	No	<input type="radio"/>	2
53. 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? See Notes page 9.	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	1	No	<input type="radio"/>	2
54. Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? See Notes page 9.	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	1	No	<input type="radio"/>	2
55. Are you or were you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? See Notes page 9.	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	1	No	<input type="radio"/>	2
56. At any time on or after July 1, 2009, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? See Notes page 9.	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	1	No	<input type="radio"/>	2
57. At any time on or after July 1, 2009, 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? See Notes page 9.	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	1	No	<input type="radio"/>	2
58. At any time on or after July 1, 2009, 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? See Notes page 9.	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	1	No	<input type="radio"/>	2

Notes for question 50 (page 5)

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 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 one by June 30, 2011.

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 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, 2011.

Notes for question 53 (page 5)

Answer "Yes" if you had no living parent (biological or adoptive) at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are now adopted.

Answer "Yes" 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.

Answer "Yes" 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. Note that for federal student aid purposes, a ward of the court is not someone who is incarcerated.

Note that the financial aid administrator at your school may require you to provide proof that you were in foster care or a dependent or ward of the court.

Notes for questions 54 and 55 (page 5)

Answer "Yes" 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. Also answer "Yes" 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. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.

Answer "No" if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect or the court decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult.

Note that the financial aid administrator at your college may require you to provide proof that you were an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship.

Notes for questions 56–58 (page 5)

Answer "Yes" if you received a determination at any time on or after July 1, 2009, that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or, for question 58, at risk of being homeless.

- "Homeless" 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.
- "Unaccompanied" means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.
- "Youth" 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.

Answer "No" if you are not homeless, at risk of being homeless or if you do not have a determination. You should contact your financial aid office for assistance if you do not have a determination but believe you are an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or are an unaccompanied youth providing for your own living expenses who is at risk of being homeless.

Note that the financial aid administrator at your college may require you to provide a copy of the determination if you answered "Yes" to any of these questions.