

Completing the FAFSA—Dependency Status

When completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with regards to a student's dependency status you will need to report your parents' information if none of the following applies to you. Please check all of the following to which you can answer "yes":

- Were you were born before Jan. 1, 1984?
- Are you married as of the day you apply (or you're separated but not divorced)?
- Do you have children who receive more than half their support from you?
- Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half their support from you at the time you apply and through June 30, 2008?
- Are both your parents are deceased, or are you (or were you until age 18) a ward or dependent of the court?
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? (A veteran includes students who attended a U.S. service academy and who were released under a condition other than dishonorable.)

If you checked one of the above, you are considered an independent student, and you only need to report your income information (including your spouse's, if applicable). If none of the above applies, you must report your parents' information when completing the FAFSA.