



**Dependent Students (you were required to provide parent information on your FAFSA for 2025-2026)**

Family size includes the following:

- Yourself, even if you don't live with your parents, and
- Your parents, including stepparents, and
- Your parents' other children if the following are true:
  - o they live with your parents (or live apart because of college enrollment),
  - o they receive more than half of their support from your parents, and
  - o they will continue to receive more than half their support from your parents between July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
- Other persons if the following are true:
  - o they live with your parents,
  - o they receive more than half of their support from your parents, and
  - o they will continue to receive more than half their support from your parents between July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

The provided criteria for "dependent children" or "other persons" align with the requirement that family size align with whom the parent could claim as a dependent on a U.S. tax return if the parent were to file a U.S tax return at the time of completing the 2025-2026 FAFSA. As a result, your parent should not include any unborn children in the family size.

**Who is considered a parent?**

"Parent" refers to a biological or adoptive parent. Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older siblings, and uncles or aunts are not considered parents on this form unless they have legally adopted you. If your legal parents are living and married to each other, answer the questions about both of them. If your legal parents are not married and live together, answer the questions about both of them. In case of divorce or separation, give information about the parent who provided more financial support during the past 12 months. If your divorced or widowed parent has remarried, also provide information about your stepparent.

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**Independent Students (you were not required to provide parent information on your FAFSA for 2025-2026)**

Family size includes the following:

- Yourself
- Your spouse (if married)
- Your children if the following are true:
  - o they live with you (or live apart because of college enrollment);
  - o they receive more than half of their support from you; and
  - o they will continue to receive more than half their support from you between July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
- Other persons if the following are true:
  - o they live with you;
  - o they receive more than half of their support from you; and
  - o they will continue to receive more than half their support from you between July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

The provided criteria for "dependent children" or "other persons" align with the requirement that family size align with whom the student could claim as a dependent on a U.S. tax return if the student were to file a U.S tax return at the time of completing the 2025-2026 FAFSA. As a result, you should not include any unborn children in the family size.