

Student's Name: _____

NMMI ID #: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

We sent you this worksheet because you claimed to meet one of the criteria for independent status in Section 3 of your 2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Use this worksheet to verify your answer(s) to questions in section 2. Please answer the following questions and you **MUST** provide any documentation as requested. Failure to provide adequate documentation will delay the processing of your financial aid application.

The financial aid office, based on the documentation submitted, will make the final determination of your status. Appeals to the final decision may be made to the Director of Financial Aid and will require additional documentation.

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| 1. | Were you <u>born before January 1, 1998</u> ? | Yes | No |
| 2. | <u>As of the day you completed the FAFSA</u> , were you married? | Yes | No |
| 3. | Are you currently <u>serving on active duty</u> in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training ? | Yes | No |
| 4. | Are you a <u>veteran</u> of the U.S. Armed Forces? If 'yes' submit DD214 | Yes | No |
| 5. | Do you have <u>children</u> you support? | Yes | No |
| 6. | Do you have <u>dependents (other than children or spouse) that live with you</u> ? | Yes | No |
| 7. | At any time <u>since you turned age 13</u> , were both your <u>parents deceased</u> , were you in <u>foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court</u> ? (Answer 'yes' if you had no living parent (biological or adoptive) at any time since you turned 13, even if you are not adopted. Answer 'yes' if you were in foster care at any time since you turned 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.) | Yes | No |

If you answered 'yes' to question number 7 please attach copies of the most appropriate form(s):

- Copies of death certificates or other documentation
- Legal documentation that you are or were in foster care program
- Legal documentation that you are or were a dependent or ward of the court

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| 8. | Are you or were you an <u>emancipated minor</u> as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
(Answer 'yes' if you can <u>provide a copy of a court's decision</u> that as of today you are an emancipated minor. Also answer 'yes' if you can <u>provide a copy of a court's decision</u> that you were an emancipated minor immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in the state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.) | Yes | No |
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If you answered 'yes' to question 8 you must attach:

- Copy of court decision that you are an emancipated minor

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| 9. | Are you or were you in <u>legal guardianship</u> as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
(Answer 'yes' if you can <u>provide a copy of a court's decision</u> that as of today you are in legal guardianship. Also answer 'yes' if you can <u>provide a copy of a court's decision</u> that you were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in the state of legal residence at the time of the court's decision was issued.) | Yes | No |
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If you answered 'yes' to question 9 you must attach:

- A copy of court decision that you are in legal guardianship

The following definitions must be applied when determining your answers for questions 11, 12, & 13:

Homeless: - 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 – you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

Youth – you are 21 years of age or younger or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you completed the FAFSA.

10. At any time on or after July 1, 2021, did your high school or district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth or was homeless? Yes No

If you answered 'yes' to question 11 you must attach:

Original, signed and dated statement on letterhead (or applicable official form) from your high school or homeless liaison verifying you met the qualifying definition of "unaccompanied youth who was homeless" after July 1, 2021.

11. At any time on or after July 1, 2021, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?

Yes No

If you answered 'yes' to question 11 you must attach:

Original signed and dated statement on letterhead (or applicable official form) from the director of a HUD funded shelter or transitional housing program verifying you met the qualifying definition of "unaccompanied youth who was homeless" after July 1, 2021.

12. At any time on or after July 1, 2021, 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

If you answered 'yes' to question 12 you must attach:

Original, signed and dated statement on letterhead (or applicable official form) from the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program verifying you met the qualifying definition of "unaccompanied youth who was homeless" or "self-supporting and at risk of being homeless" after July 1, 2021.

If you answered "NO" to all the above questions you are considered a dependent student. You must include parental information on your 2022-2023 FAFSA. Please contact the financial aid office with any questions.

I (we) certify that the information above is correct and complete to the best of my (our) knowledge.

Student's Signature

Date

If you have questions, call (575)-624-8652. You may deliver this form to the Financial Aid Office **OR** Fax (575)-624-8225 **OR** mail to: NMMI, Financial Aid Office, 101 W. College Blvd., Roswell, NM 88201.