

Suffolk University

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2020 – 2021 Dependency Status Worksheet

Student's Name _____

Student ID _____

In order to verify your dependency status as reported on the FAFSA, please complete the following:

- ___ Yes ___ No 1. Were you born before January 1, 1997?
- ___ Yes ___ No 2. As of today, are you married? (Also, answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.)
- ___ Yes ___ No 3. At the beginning of the 2020-21 academic year will you be working on a master's or doctorate program, such as MBA, MA, JD, PhD....?
- ___ Yes ___ No 4. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
- ___ Yes ___ No 5. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
- ___ Yes ___ No 6. Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021?
- ___ Yes ___ No 7. 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, 2021?
- ___ Yes ___ No 8. At any time since you turned 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent/ward of the court?
- ___ Yes ___ No 9. Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
- ___ Yes ___ No 10. Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
- ___ Yes ___ No 11. At any time on or after July 1, 2019, 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?
- ___ Yes ___ No 12. At any time on or after July 1, 2019, did the director of an emergency shelter program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
- ___ Yes ___ No 13. At any time on or after July 1, 2019, 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?

If you answered 'Yes' to any question above, you are an "independent" student. You will be required to submit verification of your independent status, i.e. court documentation, to prove your claim.

If you answered 'No' to every question above, you are a "dependent" student. You will need to update Step 3 of your FAFSA and you will need to provide parental information on your FAFSA.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Student must sign this form, electronic signature is not acceptable.)

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent must also sign if student answers NO to all dependency status questions. Electronic signature is not acceptable.)