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Question	Answer	Category
Did I understand you to say that for graduate students, parent information may be added but will not be counted when determining the awards?	That is correct. Graduate students (who are independent students) may choose to provide parental information, but it will not be used to calculate the Expected Family Contribution (EFC).	Dependency
Every year a document must be complete for "unaccompanied homeless youth", what is the name of the document and the list of personnel (e.g., HUD, Director Designee, Financial Aid Administer).	There is not a specific form, but the financial aid administrator may request you to provide proof of status. Unaccompanied homeless youth status can be determined by the following specified individuals: school district liaisons, director or designee of a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded shelter, director or designee of a Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA)-funded shelter, or financial aid administrator. One more thing to note is that the unaccompanied homeless youth determination is required to be completed every year.	Dependency
My daughter will have her BS in May 2015 and entering Occupational Therapy School in August 2015. We will not be paying for her tuition or housing/food costs. We will be carrying her on our health insurance and car insurance. Is she consdidered our dependent or not?	If your daughter will be in a graduate or professional program in August 2015, she would be considered independent, regardless if you will help her with some of her expenses.	Dependency
Since my daughter will for the first time be considered independent, should I start a new FAFSA or renew the one we have used the last 4 years and simply eliminate the parent information from it?	Your daughter can log in to do a renewal FAFSA, but if she is considered independent, she can choose not to provide parental information.	Dependency
How do you enter the value of a home or bank account owned with a 3rd party (student's aunt)- -50% each	If your parents own an asset with others and therefore only own a portion or percentage of the asset, they should report the net asset value that represents only their share of the asset owned. They would determine the current market value of the asset, reduce the value by any outstanding debt, and then multiply the net asset value by their ownership percentage. This result is then reported on the FAFSA.	Financial information
I do not have a job but it is asking what my adjusted gross income. Do I have to include grants I have received?	Your adjusted gross income would not include grants you have received. The AGI includes your income less specific deductions. If you did not earn money in 2014, then you likely will have an AGI of zero.	Financial information
If a student receives Social Security payments based upon a parent's disability, would this be considered part of the student's income?	If the income is untaxed, it is not reported. If the income is taxed, it would be reported as part of the adjusted gross income on the tax return.	Financial information
If I am married, but not to my child's father, where do I report that income? The FAFSA asks for parents' income.	If the child lives with you the most, you would report the income for you and your spouse as the parents. The child's father's information would not be reported.	Financial information
My child support will end at the start of college, and child support WILL NOT contribute to her college fees, why report child support at all that year? thanks	The child support reported would be for the prior year. You can discuss special circumstances, such as child support payments ceasing, with your financial aid administrator.	Financial information
My husband and I work full-time, but when I start grad school in July I will be quitting my job. EFC is 30,082. We filed joint taxes in 2014. If we amend the return and file it as "married filing separate", do I have to report my husband's income on FAFSA? We cannot afford to pay \$30,000 toward school expenses.	If you are married, you need to report your spouse's income, regardless of how you file your taxes. You can discuss special circumstances, such as quitting your job to attend school full-time, with your financial aid administrator.	Financial information

My son has a standard annuity (Coverdell ESA). Does he need to report that as savings or student income on the FAFSA?	Investments do include qualified educational benefits or education savings accounts such as Coverdell savings accounts, 529 college savings plans and the refund value of 529 prepaid tuition plans. For a student who does not report parental information, the accounts owned by the student (and the student's spouse) are reported as student investments. For a student who must report parental information, the accounts are reported as parental investments, including all accounts owned by the student and all accounts owned by the parents for any member of the household.	Financial information
Is it possible to apply for FAFSA to do prerequisite courses before getting into a main program?	It is possible to receive federal aid funds for limited amount of prerequisite courses. The school will determine the student's aid eligibility.	General
Is this only a high school FAFSA webinar?	The intended audience for this webinar was students and parents who need to complete the 2015-16 FAFSA.	General
My daughter attends graduate school. She will have a short time off during summer then will be doing a clerkship and summer class. Do I need to be completing two FAFSA's?	You should ask the financial aid office to see if the summer would be covered under the 2014-15 or the 2015-16 FAFSA. Keep in mind that she would have to be enrolled at least half-time to qualify for federal student aid.	General
Under what situations would my child be denied financial aid?	This is a difficult question to answer without knowing the circumstances. Failing to register for Selective Service or having a drug conviction while receiving federal financial aid are two examples of reasons why a student may be ineligible for federal aid.	General
When is the FASFA due?	The FAFSA completion deadline depends on your state and possibly the school. Information on state deadlines can be found at https://fafsa.ed.gov/deadlines.htm. Check with your school on their deadline.	General
Why is it important for our parents to put their information since we are responsible for paying for optometry school and not them?	Students who meet the definition of independent (such as being a graduate or professional student) are not required to report parent information. If an independent student chooses to provide parent information, it will not be factored into the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) calculation.	General
You offered to help us with further questions. What is your contact information?	You can contact the Federal Aid Information Center with questions at (800) 433-3243. The presenters' contact information is Beth Ziehmer at feedback@mappingyourfuture.org and Lori Auxier at Lori.Auxier@fldoe.org.	General