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**Verification Inquiry:
 Household Size for
 Dependent Student
 2008-2009**

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Name _____ University ID _____

Your 2008-2009 federal financial aid application has been selected for verification, a process required by federal legislation. Requested information must be submitted, as this information will be used to finalize your eligibility for federal financial aid. Aid can not be offered until the verification process has been completed. A prompt response to requested additional information along with required signatures on this form will reduce a delay in processing your federally required verification.

Conflicting information has been reported as to the number of people reported in your parent's household size.

Review the household definition below. Then complete the household chart filling in all columns.

Who can I include as a member of my household?

Household Size Definition for Dependent Students

List the people whom your parents will support between July 1st, 2008 and June 30th, 2009, including:

- **Yourself**
- **Parent(s) and/or stepparent** if your parents are both living and married to each other (not separated), list both. If your parent was widowed and remarried as of the day you signed your FAFSA, list your parent and stepparent. If your parents are divorced or separated, list the parent with whom you lived more during the past 12 months. If you did not live with one parent more than the other (or not at all), list the parent who gave you the most financial support during the last 12 months, or during the most recent year that you received financial support from a parent. Also, include the stepparent if parent has remarried.
- **Parents' dependent children** if your parent(s) provides **more than half** of the support for any dependent child, even if that person is away at college or not living in your parent(s) home.
- **Other people** if any other person lives with and receives **more than half** of their support from your parent(s) and will continue to receive **more than half** of their support from your parent(s) from July 1st, 2008 to June 30th, 2009.

*The federal definition of "parents" defines only your custodial parent and their **current** spouse. If your natural parents are separated or divorced, the non-custodial parent is not to be listed in the table, nor are any individuals residing with the non-custodial parent.*

Name	Age	Relationship to You
(self)	XX	XXX

Check this box if there are more than 7 family members and attach a list of these people with the above information.

Certification Statement for Dependent Students

I certify that the information I have provided is accurate and complete and that the people I have listed as members of my household meet the criteria listed in the chart on this form.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Guideline to Reporting Household Size Information

Below you will find helpful information as to how to determine your parent(s) household size. Read this information carefully. If you have a situation that is not addressed here and you cannot determine your parent(s) household size with these instructions, contact our office at (618) 650-3880 and speak with an advisor for assistance.

Household Size Definition for Dependent Students

Include the people whom your parents will support between July 1st, 2008 and June 30th, 2009, including:

- **Yourself**
- **Parent(s) and/or stepparent** if your parents are both living and married to each other (not separated), list both. If your parent was widowed and remarried as of the day you signed your FAFSA, list your parent and stepparent. If your parents are divorced or separated, list the parent with whom you lived more during the past 12 months. If you did not live with one parent more than the other (or not at all), list the parent who gave you the most financial support* during the last 12 months, or during the most recent year that you received financial support from a parent. Also, include the stepparent if parent has remarried.
- **Parents' dependent children** if your parent(s) provides **more than half** of the support* for any dependent child, even if that person is away at college or not living in your parent(s) home.
- **Other people** if any other person lives with and receives **more than half** of their support* from your parent(s) and will continue to receive **more than half** of their support* from your parent(s) from July 1st, 2008 to June 30th, 2009.

*Support includes money, gifts, loans, housing, food, clothes, car payments or expenses, medical and dental care, and payment of college costs.

If you are a dependent student, always include yourself, even if you do not live with your parents. Also, always include your parents. *Note: The federal definition of "parents" defines only your custodial parent and their **current** spouse. If your natural parents are separated or divorced, the non-custodial parent is not to be listed in the table, nor are any individuals residing with the non-custodial parent. If your custodial parent is remarried, the stepparent's information must be included or you will not be considered for federal student financial aid.*

To determine whether to include children in the household size, the "support" test is used because there may be situations in which a parent supports a child who does not live with the parent. In such cases, the parent who provides more than half of the child's support may claim the child in his or her household size. The child need not be claimed on the federal tax return. Household size and tax exemptions are not necessarily the same. Exemptions look at the previous year or tax year and household size refers to the school year for which the student is applying for aid.

Include anyone in the **immediate** family (your parents' other dependent children) who receive more than 50% support from your parents, even if that person does not reside in the house. For example, a sibling who is over 24 but still receives the majority of his/her support from the parents can be included. Siblings who are dependent (as defined by the FAFSA) as of the date you apply for aid are also included, regardless of whether they receive more than 50% of their support from the parents. You may also include your parents' unborn child, if that child will be born before July 1, 2009 and your parents will provide more than half of the child's support through the end of the 2008-09 award year (June 30, 2009). (If there is a medical determination of a multiple birth, then all expected children can be included.)

Include any other person who resides in the household and receives more than 50% support from the parents, as long as they physically resided with your parents on the date you filed your FAFSA and will continue to reside with your parents and the support is expected to continue through June 30, 2009.

If you live with a relative other than your parent(s), you may report their information on your FAFSA **ONLY** if that relative is your adoptive parent. Dependent students can be considered dependent only on their parents and must report only information from their parent(s) household.

If you live with a girlfriend/boyfriend or anyone else besides your parents, do not use that information for household size. When you are a dependent student, you must report only information from your parent(s) household, even if you do not live there.