



Student Financial Aid

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**Verification Inquiry:
 Household Size for
 Independent Student
 2009-2010**

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Name _____ University ID _____

Your **2009-2010** 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 cannot 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 the processing time of the federally required verification.

Conflicting information has been reported as to the number of people reported in your 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 Independent Students
 List the people whom you and your spouse (if applicable) will support financially between July 1, **2009** and June 30, **2010** including:

- **Yourself**
- **Your spouse**
- **Your dependent children** if you and your spouse provide **more than half** of the **support*** of those children for the time period listed above.
- **Other people** if they lived with you on the date you signed the FAFSA, are currently living with you and will continue living with you, **AND** you will provide **more than half** of their **support*** until June 30, 2010.

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 Independent 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

Guideline to Reporting Household Size Information

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

Household Size Definition for Independent Students

Include the people whom you/your spouse will support between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010, including:

- **You**
- **Your spouse** unless your spouse is not living in the household as a result of death, separation, or divorce.
- **Your children** if they will receive **more than half** of their **support*** from your household between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010.
- **Your unborn child** if that child will be born before July 1, 2010 and your household will provide **more than half** of the child's **support*** from the projected date of birth to the end of the 2009-10 award year (June 30, 2010). (If there is a medical determination of a multiple birth, then all expected children can be included.)
- **Other people** as long as they physically resided with you/your spouse on the date you filed your FAFSA and will continue to reside with you/your spouse and you/your spouse will continue to provide **more than half** of their **support*** through June 30, 2010. A Member of Household Size (VIMHH) may be requested (at a later date).

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

Always include yourself and your spouse unless your spouse died, you are divorced, or you are separated. A couple doesn't have to be legally separated. The couple may consider themselves informally separated when one of the partners has left the household for an indefinite period of time and the marriage is severed. Temporary absences for special circumstances such as for business, medical care, school, or military service do not qualify as a separation.

To determine whether to include children in your household size, the **support*** test is used because there may be situations in which you support a child who does not live with you (such as having a child whom you **support***, but lives away at college). 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. **It does not matter which parent claims the child as a dependent for tax purposes.**

When you include an unborn child, we may ask you to supply a statement from your physician showing the expected due date of the child. You must provide **more than 50%** of that child's **support*** from birth until June 30, 2010.

When you include "other people" who are not your spouse or your children, those people must have physically resided with you and your spouse on the day you filed your FAFSA AND you/your spouse must provide **more than half** of their **support*** then and through June 30, 2010. We may ask for income information, such as a tax return, from that person. A person with their own source of income may live with you and be self-supporting. However, they may have their own income but need financial assistance from you which equals **more than half** of their total **support***