

DEPENDENCY STATUS

The questions below will determine whether you are considered a Dependent student or an Independent student for fee waiver eligibility and whether parental information is needed. If you answer "Yes" to **ANY** of the questions 1-10 below, you will be considered an INDEPENDENT student. If you answer "No" to all questions, you will be considered a Dependent student thereby reporting parental information and should continue with question 11.

1. Were you born before January 1, 1986? (If "Yes," skip to question 13.) Yes No
 2. As of today, are you married or in a Registered Domestic Partnership (RDP)? (Answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced or have not filed a termination notice to dissolve partnership. Also, if "Yes," skip to question 13.) Yes No
 3. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or currently serving on active duty for purposes other than training? (If "Yes," skip to question 13.) Yes No
 4. Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you or other dependents who live with you (other than your children and spouse/RDP) who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2010? (If "Yes," skip to question 13.) Yes No
 5. When you were age 13 or older, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent/ward of the court? Submit certification. (If "Yes," skip to question 13.) Yes No
 6. As of today, are you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? Submit court documentation. (If "Yes," skip to question 13.) Yes No
 7. As of today, are you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your legal residence? Submit court documentation. (If "Yes," skip to question 13.) Yes No
 8. At any time on or after July 1, 2008, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? See Financial Aid Staff. (If "Yes," skip to question 13.) Yes No
 9. At any time on or after July 1, 2008, 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? See Financial Aid Staff. (If "Yes," skip to question 13.) Yes No
 10. At any time on or after July 1, 2008, 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? See Financial Aid Staff. (If "Yes," skip to question 13.) Yes No
- If you answered "Yes" to any of the questions 1 - 10, you are considered an **INDEPENDENT** student for enrollment fee waiver purposes and must provide income and household information about yourself (and your spouse or RDP if applicable). Skip to question 13/METHOD A below.
 - If you answered "No" to all questions 1 - 10, complete the following questions:
11. If your parent(s) or his/her RDP filed or will file a 2008 U.S. Income Tax Return, were you, or will you be claimed on their tax return as an exemption by either or both of your parents? Parent(s) will not file Yes No
 12. Do you live with one or both of your parent(s) and/or his/her RDP? Yes No
- If you answered "No" to questions 1 – 10 and "Yes" to either question 11 or 12, you must provide income and household information about your PARENT(S)/RDP. Please answer questions for a **DEPENDENT** student in the sections that follow.
 - If you answered "No" or "Parent(s) will not file" to question 11, and "No" to question 12, you are a dependent student for all student aid except this enrollment fee waiver. You may answer questions as an **INDEPENDENT** student on the rest of this application, but please try to get your PARENT information and file a FAFSA so you may be considered for other student aid. You cannot get other student aid without your parent(s) information. Talk to the Financial Aid staff if you think you have special circumstances.

METHOD A

13. Are you (the **student ONLY**) currently receiving monthly cash assistance for yourself or any dependents from: (All dependent & independent students need to answer)
 TANF/CalWORKs? Yes No SSI/SSP? Yes No General Assistance? Yes No
14. If you are a dependent student, are your parent(s)/RDP receiving monthly cash assistance from TANF/CalWORKs or SSI/SSP as a primary source of income? Yes No
- If you answered "Yes" to question 13 or 14, you are eligible for an ENROLLMENT FEE WAIVER. Sign the Certification at the end of this form. You are required to show proof of benefits. Ask the Financial Aid Office for instructions and how to apply for the FAFSA for other financial aid programs. If you answered "No" to questions 13 and 14, continue to Method B.

METHOD B

15. **DEPENDENT STUDENT:** How many persons are in your parent(s)/RDP's household? (Include yourself, your parent(s)/RDP, and anyone who lives with your parent(s)/RDP and receives more than 50% of their support from your parents, now through June 30, 2010.) _____
16. **INDEPENDENT STUDENT:** How many persons are in your household? (Include yourself, your spouse/RDP, and anyone who lives with you and receives more than 50% of their support from you, now through June 30, 2010.) _____
17. **2008 Income Information:**
- | | DEPENDENT STUDENT:
PARENT(S)/RDP
INCOME ONLY | INDEPENDENT STUDENT:
STUDENT (& SPOUSE'S/RDP)
INCOME |
|---|---|---|
| (Dependent students should not include their income information for Question 17 a and b below.) | | |
| a. Adjusted Gross Income (If 2008 U.S. Income Tax Return was filed, enter the amount from Form 1040, line 37; Form 1040A, line 21; Form 1040EZ, line 4.) | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| b. All Other Income (Include ALL money received in 2008 that is not included in line (a) above. Include child support, disability, military living allowance, Social Security, untaxed pensions, and Workman's Compensation.) | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Total Income for 2008 (Sum of a + b) | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

Provide supporting documentation. The Financial Aid Office will review your income and let you know if you qualify for an ENROLLMENT FEE WAIVER under Method B. Even if you do not qualify using this simple method, you should file a FAFSA. Many students who do not qualify under Method A or B still qualify for an ENROLLMENT FEE WAIVER and receive additional financial aid by filing the FAFSA. Watch for announcements about FAFSA Workshops.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

18. Do you have certification from the California Department of Veterans Affairs that you are eligible for a dependent's fee waiver?
Submit certification. Yes No
19. Do you have certification from the National Guard Adjutant General that you are eligible for a dependent's fee waiver?
Submit certification. Yes No
20. Are you eligible as a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor or as a child of a recipient?
Submit documentation from the Department of Veterans Affairs Yes No
21. Are you eligible as a dependent of a victim of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack?
Submit documentation from the CA Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board Yes No
22. Are you eligible as a dependent of a deceased law enforcement/fire suppression personnel killed in the line of duty?
Submit documentation from the public agency employer of record Yes No
- If you answered "Yes" to any questions from 18 – 22, you are eligible for an ENROLLMENT FEE WAIVER and perhaps other fee waiver/reductions. Sign the Certification. Contact the Financial Aid Office if you have questions.

CERTIFICATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS: READ THIS STATEMENT AND SIGN BELOW

I hereby swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. **If asked by an authorized official, I agree to provide proof of this information, which may include a copy of my and my spouse/registered domestic partner and/or my parent's/registered domestic partner's 2008 U.S. Income Tax Return(s).** I also realize that any false statement or failure to give proof when asked may be cause for the denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of my waiver. I authorize release of information regarding this application between the college, the college district, and the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges.

I understand the following information (please check each box):

- Federal and state financial aid programs are available to help with college costs (including enrollment fees, books & supplies, transportation and room and board expenses). By completing the FAFSA, additional financial assistance may be available in the form of Pell and other grants, work study and other aid.
- I may apply for and receive financial assistance if I am enrolled, either full time or part time, in an eligible program of study (certificate, associate degree or transfer).
- Financial aid program information and application assistance is available in the college financial aid office.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature (Dependent Students Only)

Date

California Information Privacy Act

State and federal laws protect an individual's right to privacy regarding information pertaining to oneself. The California Information Practices Act of 1977 requires the following information be provided to financial aid applicants who are asked to supply information about themselves. The principal purpose for requesting information on this form is to determine your eligibility for financial aid. The Chancellor's Office policy and the policy of the community college to which you are applying for aid authorize maintenance of this information. Failure to provide such information will delay and may even prevent your receipt of financial assistance. This form's information may be transmitted to other state agencies and the federal government if require by law. Individuals have the right of access to records established from information furnished on this form as it pertains to them.

The officials responsible for maintaining the information contained on this form are the financial aid administrators at the institutions to which you are applying for financial aid. The SSN may be used to verify your identity under record keeping systems established prior to January 1, 1975. If your college requires you to provide an SSN and you have any questions, you should ask the financial aid officer at your college for further information. The Chancellor's Office and the California community colleges, in compliance with federal and state laws, do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, medical condition, sexual orientation, domestic partnership or any other legally protected basis. Inquires regarding these policies may be directed to the financial aid office of the college to which you are applying.

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Comments: _____

Staff Certified by: _____ Date: _____

This application will only waive your enrollment fees. Please file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to see if you qualify for more financial aid. The FAFSA is available at the Financial Aid Office or at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

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