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## INFORMATION NEEDED TO FILE THE 2012-2013 FAFSA FORM

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**Step 1. Determine if you are Independent or Dependent. Do not skip this step. Check only those boxes that apply. If you can not check any box, see Step 2.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I was born before January 1, 1989                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> I was in foster care since turning age 13                                                                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am married or separated                                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> I have dependents (other than children or my spouse) who live with me and I provide more than 50% of their <u>financial</u> support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am working on a Master's or doctorate program (i.e. MA, MBA, MD, JD, PHD, EDD, graduate certificate) | <input type="checkbox"/> I was a dependent or ward of the court since turning age 13                                                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am serving on active duty in the US Armed Forces                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> I am currently or I was an emancipated minor                                                                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am a veteran of the US Armed Forces                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> I am currently or I was in legal guardianship                                                                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have children and provide more than 50% of their <u>financial</u> support                            | <input type="checkbox"/> I am homeless or I am at risk of being homeless                                                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Since I turned 13, both of my parents are deceased                                                     |                                                                                                                                                              |

**Step 2. If you were not able to check any of the boxes, you are DEPENDENT and should bring the documents listed under "Dependent Student". If you checked any of the boxes, you are INDEPENDENT and should bring the documents listed under "Independent Student".**

INDEPENDENT STUDENT

- Your Social Security Number.
- Your alien registration or permanent resident card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- Your driver's license (if any)
- Your and your spouse's (if married) 2011 W-2 Forms and other records of money earned
- Your and your spouse's (if married) 2011 Federal Income Tax Return. Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ.
- Foreign Tax Return, or Tax Return for Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federal States of Micronesia, or Palau—only if you or your spouse (if married) filed one of these returns.
- Amounts of child support received in 2011
- Child support the student/spouse (if married) have paid out in 2011
- Worker's compensation
- Your current bank statements
- Your current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond and other investment records

DEPENDENT STUDENT

- You and your Parent/Stepparent's Social Security Number.
- Your Parent/Stepparent's Date of birth
- Your alien registration or permanent resident card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- Your driver's license (if any)
- You and your Parents/Stepparent's 2011 Federal Income Tax Return (Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ).
- You and your Parent/Stepparent's 2011 W-2 Forms and any other records of money earned
- Foreign Tax Return, or Tax Return for Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federal States of Micronesia, or Palau—only if you or your parent/stepparent filed one of these returns.
- Amounts of child support received in 2011
- Child support the parent/stepparent have paid out in 2011
- Worker's compensation
- Your current bank statements
- Your current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond and other investment records