



DEPENDENCY STATUS WORKSHEET (2011-2012)

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA
Office of Financial Aid

Student Information (Please Print)

Student's Last Name	First Name	MI	Student CUA ID
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You answered yes to one of the following dependency questions on your 2011-2012 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Office of Financial Aid needs additional information so we can continue processing your application for financial aid. Please take the following action:

1. Indicate which question in the table below pertains to your situation that you marked on the FAFSA.
2. If you answer "YES" to any question, you must provide the corresponding documentation and submit it to the Office of Financial Aid along with this worksheet. The Office of Financial Aid will assume any question left blank as indicating a "NO" answer.

		YES	NO
1	At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or a dependent/ward of the court? <i>Question 52 on 11/12 FAFSA. See notes for question 52 on FAFSA on page 2 of this form.</i> You must provide documentation from your home state documenting your foster care or ward of the court status. If you do not have such a court order or the court order is no longer in effect, you should answer "NO" to this question.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	On the date you completed the FAFSA, were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? <i>Question 53 on 11/12 FAFSA. See notes for questions 53 & 54 on FAFSA on page 2 of this form.</i> You must provide a copy of a court's decision that you are an emancipated minor. The court must be located in your state of legal residence. If you do not have such a court order, you should answer "NO" to this question.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	On the date you completed the FAFSA, were you in legal guardianship as determined by your state of legal residence? <i>Question 54 on 11/12 FAFSA. See notes for questions 53 & 54 on FAFSA on page 2 of this form.</i> A caregiver or other person with whom you are living is only considered a legal guardian if a court in your state of legal residence has established guardianship. You should answer "YES" if you have and can provide a copy of a court order from your home state indicating that legal guardianship was established. If you are living with a caregiver, but that caregiver is not your legal guardian as established by a court, you should answer "NO" to this question.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	At any time on or after July 1, 2010 did your high school or school district homeless liaison, determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? <i>Question 55 on 11/12 FAFSA. See notes for questions 55 - 57 on FAFSA on page 2 of this form.</i> Answer "YES" if you received a determination at any time after July 1, 2010, that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless. You must provide a copy of this documentation with this form. Answer "NO" if you are <u>not</u> homeless or at risk of being homeless or if you <u>cannot</u> provide a copy of the determination.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	At any time on or after July 1, 2010, 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? <i>Question 56 on 11/12 FAFSA. See notes for questions 55 - 57 on FAFSA on page 2 of this form.</i> Answer "YES" if you received a determination at any time after July 1, 2010, that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless. You must provide a copy of this determination with this form. Answer "NO" if you are <u>not</u> homeless or at risk of being homeless or if you <u>cannot</u> provide a copy of the determination.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	At any time on or after July 1, 2010, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basics center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self supporting and at risk of being homeless. <i>Question 57 on 11/12 FAFSA. See notes for questions 55 - 57 on FAFSA on page 2 of this form.</i> Answer "YES" if you received a determination at any time after July 1, 2010, that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless. You must provide a copy of this determination with this form. Answer "NO" if you are <u>not</u> homeless or at risk of being homeless or if you <u>cannot</u> provide a copy of the determination.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not meet any of the criteria listed above. Check the box to the left if you answered "No" to the all the questions above. The Office of Financial Aid will make a correction to your FAFSA indicating that you are a Dependent student. Once this correction has been received by the FAFSA processing center you will be required to include parent(s) signature and financial information on you FAFSA. The Office of Financial Aid may request additional documentation based on your response to this worksheet.		

I certify that the information on this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, I may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

USE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS TO RETURN THIS FORM:

MAIL	IN-PERSON
The Catholic University of America McMahon Hall, Room 6 620 Michigan Avenue, NE Washington, DC 20064	McMahon Hall Room 6

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID USE ONLY

Date Received	Date Processed	Initials

**NOTES TO ASSIST WITH COMPLETION OF THE
DEPENDENCY STATUS WORKSHEET**

Notes for question 52 on the FAFSA

- Check box if you had no living parent (biological or adoptive) at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are now adopted.
- Check box if you were in foster care at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer in foster care as of today
- Check box if you were a dependent or ward of the court at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court as of today. Note that for federal student aid purposes, a ward of the court is not someone who is incarcerated.

Notes for questions 53 and 54 on the FAFSA

- Check box if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today you are an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship.
- Check box if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that you were an emancipated minor or were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.
- Do not check box if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect or the court decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult.

Notes for questions 55 – 57 on the FAFSA

- Check box if you received a determination at any time on or after July 1, 2010, that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or, for question 57, at risk of being homeless.
 - Homeless means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you had nowhere else to go.
 - Unaccompanied means that you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian
 - Youth means you are 21 years of age or younger or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you sign this application.
- Do not check box if you are not homeless, at risk of being homeless or if you do not have a determination.

Notes - Meet criteria but unable to obtain documentation

- Submit a Dependency Appeal (instructions found at <http://financialaid.cua.edu/dependency-status.cfm>)

Notes – Do not meet criteria

- Update your FAFSA to include your parents' data and signature