



2026-2027 Family Size Verification

Your 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. The law says that before awarding Federal Student Aid, we may ask you to confirm the information you reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information, we will compare your FAFSA with the information on this institutional verification document and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You and a parent whose information was reported on the FAFSA must complete and sign this institutional verification document, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to us. We may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact us as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

Complete this form in ink; please do not leave any questions blank. *Allow 2-4 weeks for processing after all documents are submitted.* Periodically check MyMSU Great Falls College for an aid offer or status update.

A. Student Information

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

B. Verification of Family Size

Check **one** of the boxes – I am a:

☐ **Dependent Student** (you were required to provide parent information on your FAFSA for 2026-2027)

☐ **Independent Student** (you were not required to provide parent information on your FAFSA for 2026-2027)

Write the names of all family members in your household. If you need more space, attach a separate page.
Refer to the back of this form for who to include in your family size below.

First and Last Name of Family Member	Age	Relationship To Student
		Self

C. Certification and Signatures

I hereby certify that all the information reported is complete and correct.

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Dependent Students only)

Submit completed form through secure means (fax, U.S. mail, personal delivery). To maintain security, do not email the completed form.

Dependent Students (you were required to provide parent information on your FAFSA for 2026-2027)

Family size includes the following:

- Yourself, and
- Your parents (including stepparents), even if you don't live with your parents, and
- Your parents' other children if the following are true:
 - o they live with your parents (or live apart because of college enrollment),
 - o they receive more than half of their support from your parents, and
 - o they will continue to receive more than half their support from your parents between July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- Other persons if the following are true:
 - o they live with your parents,
 - o they receive more than half of their support from your parents, and
 - o they will continue to receive more than half their support from your parents between July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

The provided criteria for "dependent children" or "other persons" align with the requirement that family size align with whom the parent could claim as a dependent on a U.S. tax return if the parent were to file a U.S tax return at the time of completing the 2026-2027 FAFSA. As a result, your parent should not include any unborn children in the family size.

Who is considered a parent?

"Parent" refers to a biological or adoptive parent. Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older siblings, and uncles or aunts are not considered parents on this form unless they have legally adopted you. If your legal parents are living and married to each other, answer the questions about both of them. If your legal parents are not married and live together, answer the questions about both of them. In case of divorce or separation, give information about the parent who provided more financial support during the past 12 months. If your divorced or widowed parent has remarried, also provide information about your stepparent.

Independent Students (you were not required to provide parent information on your FAFSA for 2026-2027)

Family size includes the following:

- Yourself
- Your spouse (if married)
- Your children if the following are true:
 - o they live with you (or live apart because of college enrollment);
 - o they receive more than half of their support from you; and
 - o they will continue to receive more than half their support from you between July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- Other persons if the following are true:
 - o they live with you;
 - o they receive more than half of their support from you; and
 - o they will continue to receive more than half their support from you between July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

The provided criteria for "dependent children" or "other persons" align with the requirement that family size align with whom the student could claim as a dependent on a U.S. tax return if the student were to file a U.S tax return at the time of completing the 2026-2027 FAFSA. As a result, you should not include any unborn children in the family size.