

When the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was completed, you, the student, indicated that you are independent due to having children and/or legal dependents whom you support more than 50% as defined by the Department of Education. Please complete the information below and submit the required legal documentation. If you are unable to prove that you provide 50% of the support to your dependent, you will be considered a Dependent student and be required to correct your FAFSA using your parent's information. As a dependent student, if your parent listed having other dependents whom they support more than 50%, your parent would need to complete this form as well. We will not be able to process your aid until the documentation and form have been fully completed, received, and processed. Additional information may be requested.

Student Name		Student ID		
Address	City	State	Zip Code	
	Student Dependent(	s) Information		

I have, or will have, a child who will receive more than one-half of their support from me from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. I have dependents, other than a child or spouse, who will receive more than one-half of their support from me from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

List the names and ages of your dependents and their relationship to you. You must attach copies of legal documentation of their relationship to you (i.e. birth certificates, legal guardianship/court documents, etc.) **NOTE:** Dependents are defined as those people who you will support between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026. Include all dependents that live with you and will receive more than one-half of their support from you.

NAME OF DEPENDENT	AGE	<b>RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT</b>
1. Where will the dependent(s) listed abo	ove reside	between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026?
With the student	With With	n the student's parent(s) or other family member
With another primary caretaker		

2. Where will you (the student) reside between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026?

Private Residence (must provide copy of lease agreement or bill of purchase)	With parent(s) or other family member	On Campus
Other:		

## The University of Southern Mississippi, Office of Financial Aid

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3. What childcare provisions, if any, have you made for your dependent(s) while you are attending	5
class?	

4. Were you (the student) claimed as a dependent by your parent(s) for federal tax year 2023? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No

5. Were you (the student) claimed as a dependent by someone else for federal tax year 2023? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No

## **Student Financial Information**

- 6. Please list below your estimated monthly expenses you will incur for support of yourself and your dependent(s). **Monthly Expenses Total Monthly Amount** Amount paid by student Name and amount paid by other Housing/Rent \$ \$ \$ Utilities \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ Daycare Food \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ Transportation Clothing \$ \$ \$ Health Care & Insurance \$ \$ \$ Car Payment & \$ \$ \$ Insurance Cell Phone \$ \$ \$ Other: \$ \$ \$
- 7. Please indicate below your estimated financial sources of monthly income that you or your dependent(s) may receive. Attach supporting documentation such as copies of employee check stubs, AFDC payment receipts, proof of child support payments made to you, if applicable, etc.

Source	Total Monthly Amount	Documentation	Is document attached?
Wages, Salaries, Tips	\$	Most recent pay stub(s)	Yes No
Unemployment Benefits	\$	Statement from agency	Yes No
AFDC/TANF	\$	Copy of benefits statement	Yes No
Child Support	\$	Signed/dated statement	Yes No
Social Security Benefits	\$	Statement from agency	Yes No
Housing/Utilities Subsidies	\$	Signed/dated statement	Yes No
Cash support (family/friends)	\$	Signed/dated statement	Yes No
Other:	\$	Signed/dated statement	Yes No

## **Certification and Signature**

By signing below, I certify that all information provided on this form or on any accompanying documents are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I intentionally give fraudulent statement(s) and/or documentation it may result in federal penalties. A handwritten signature - not electronic/typed - is required below.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature (of dependent student)

Date