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2026-2027 Family Size Verification
Dependent Student

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Student Name _____ **NMU IN** _____

Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called "verification." The Financial Aid Office will verify information from your FAFSA to ensure items were reported correctly. If there are differences between your FAFSA and the documents you submit to our office, the Financial Aid Office will make corrections. These corrections may result in an increase or decrease to your eligibility for financial aid programs.

Who is considered to be my parent? For purposes of this form, use the following guidelines:

- If your biological or adoptive parents ***live together***, include information about ***both*** parents – even if they are not now, or have never been, married to one another.
- If your parents are **divorced or separated**, report information for the parent who financially supported you most during the 12 months prior to filing your FAFSA. **If this parent is remarried as of today, step-parent information must be included as well.**
- If you live with a parent who was never married to your other parent and does not live with your other parent, or who is widowed and not remarried, include information for only the parent with whom you live.
- If both parents provided an exact, equal amount of financial support or neither supports the student financially, select the parent with the greater income and assets.

****If you submit additional documents with this form, please include the student's name and NMU IN (identification number) on each page.****

If you need additional help with this form, please contact the Financial Aid Office or visit our website, nmu.edu/financialaid/verification.

Family Size – Includes the following from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027:

- The student
- The student's parents, even if the student is not living with them. Exclude a parent who has died or is not living in the household because of separation or divorce. Include a parent who is on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces apart from the family
- The student's siblings if the following are true:
  - They live with the student's parents (or live apart because of college enrollment),
  - They receive more than half of their support from the student's parents, and
  - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student's parents during the award year
- Other persons if the following are true:
  - They live with the student's parents,
  - They receive more than half of their support from the student's parents, and
  - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student's parents during the award year

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, the parent should not include any unborn children in the family size.

If more space is needed, provide a separate page with the student's name and IN number at the top

Full Name	Age	Relationship to NMU Student
Example: *Wildcat Willy*	**22**	***Student***

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct. The student and one parent whose information was reported on the FAFSA must sign and date.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

*** Neither signature can be typed***

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