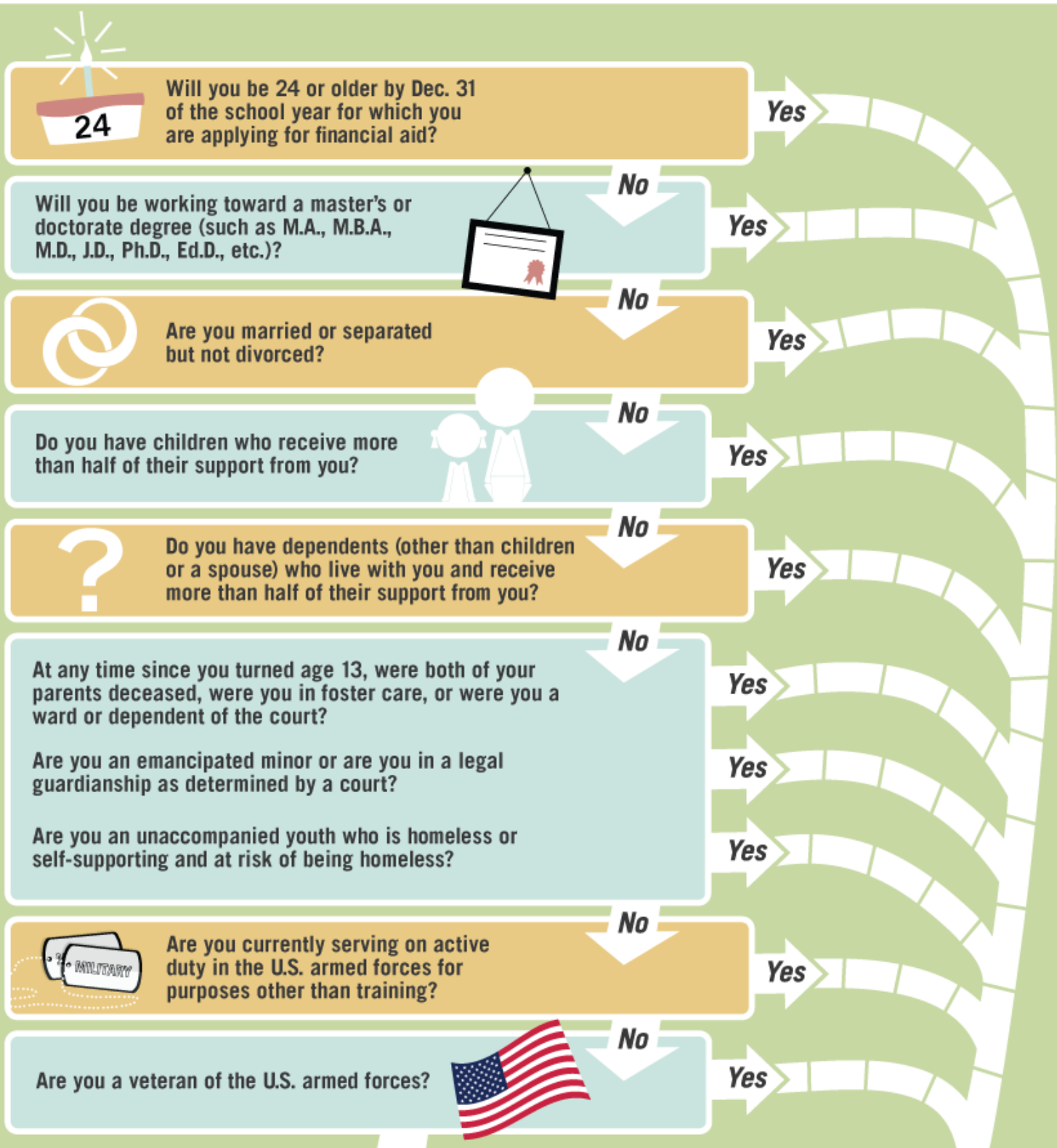


# Do I Have to Provide My Parents' Information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA<sup>SM</sup>)?

All applicants for federal student aid are considered either "independent" or "dependent." Dependent students are required to include information about their parents on the FAFSA. By answering a few questions, you can get a good idea of which category you fit into.



You may be a **Dependent Student**

If none of the criteria listed above apply to

You may be an **Independent Student**

If you answered yes to any of these

If none of the criteria listed above apply to you, you may be considered a dependent student and may be required to provide your parents' financial information when completing the FAFSA.

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you may be an independent student. You may not be required to provide parental information on your FAFSA.



**If you have questions about your dependency status  
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