

## **Assets – Questions 22 and 40**

**Net worth** means the current value, as of today, of investments, businesses, and/or investment farms, minus debts related to those same investments, businesses, and/or investment farms. When calculating net worth, use 0 for investments or properties with a negative value.

**Investments include** real estate (do not include the home in which you live), rental property (includes a unit within a family home that has its own entrance, kitchen, and bath rented to someone other than a family member), trust funds, UGMA and UTMA accounts, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc.

**Investments also include** qualified educational benefits or education savings accounts (e.g., Coverdell savings accounts and, if the student is not the beneficiary, 529 college savings plans and the refund value of 529 prepaid tuition plans). Parents of dependent students should not report the value of educational savings accounts for other children. For a student who does not report parental information, the accounts owned by the student (and/or the student's spouse) are reported as student investments in question 22. For a student who must report parental information, the accounts are reported as parental investments in question 40, including all accounts owned by the student and all accounts owned by the parents for any member of the household.

**Investments do not include** the home you live in, the value of life insurance, ABLE accounts, 529 college savings plans if the student is the beneficiary, retirement plans (401[k] plans, pension funds, annuities, non-education IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.), or cash, savings, and checking accounts reported in the previous question.

**Investments also do not include** UGMA and UTMA accounts for which you are the custodian, but not the owner.

**Investment value** means the current balance or market value of these investments as of today. Investment debt means only those debts that are related to the investments.

**Business and/or investment farm value includes** the market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc. Business and/or investment farm debt means only those debts for which the business or investment farm was used as collateral.