

# Westfield STATE UNIVERSITY

## OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

### 2025-2026 Verification of Household Size

**Independent Students:** List the people in your parents' household; include:

- The student's spouse, if applicable.
- The student's dependent children if the following are true:
  - They live with the student (or live apart because of college enrollment);
  - They receive more than half of their support from the student; and
  - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year.
- Other persons if the following are true:
  - They live with the student;
  - They receive more than half of their support from the student; and
  - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year.

**Dependent Students:**

- 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.

| Full Name | Age | Relationship |
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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 2025-2026 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 ID number at the top.

### Certification and Signature

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

Each person below certifies that the above information is complete and correct.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ College ID \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ *(please print)* \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*(Dependent students only)*

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