

ASEMS Participant Application Definitions

Dependent:

A student that can be claimed by his or her parent(s) as an exemption on tax forms and/or does not meet one of the following criteria for independent as defined below.

Independent:

A student is ONLY CONSIDERED INDEPENDENT according to Federal Financial Aid if they meet one of the following criteria:

- Is 24 years old or older by December 31 of the award year;
- Is married;
- Has legal dependent(s), other than their spouse;
- Is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States;
- Is an orphan or ward of the State of Arizona or a ward of his/her residential State;
- Has received a dependency override through The University of Arizona financial aid office.

Definitions as stated in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34: Education, Part 646, §646.7

First-generation college student:

1. A student neither of whose natural or adoptive parents received a baccalaureate degree;
2. A student who, prior to the age of 18, regularly resided with and received support from only one parent and whose supporting parent did not receive a baccalaureate degree; or
3. An individual who, prior to the age of 18, did not regularly reside with or receive support from a natural or an adoptive parent.

Individual with a disability:

means a person who has a disability, as that term is defined in section 12102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.).

Low-income individual:

means an individual whose family's taxable income did not exceed 150 percent of the poverty level amount in the calendar year preceding the year in which the individual initially participated in the project. The poverty level amount is determined by using criteria of poverty established by the Bureau of the Census of the U.S. Department of Commerce.