



Verification Worksheet ... Independent Student
2025-2026

Student Name:

Student Name:

Hope College ID Number:

Family Size

Family size includes the following:

- You (the student)
- 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's parents during the award year.

The provided criteria for dependent children or other persons align with the requirements 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 2025-26 FAFSA. As a result, the parents do not include any unborn children in the family size.

First & Last Name of Each Family Member