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Question 11, 12: Why ask this? This is a financial aid application, not a demographics survey!

The U.S. government conducts a census for this sort of data; including it on a financial aid application that does NOT consider the answers in eligibility calculations is just data collection for collection's sake. Let researchers conduct their OWN surveys.

If the Department is bound & determined to collect needless data, child support PAID (not just received) might be a great place to start, but any question on the FAFSA that has an answer of "Prefer not to answer" should be in its own, separate section which is clearly labelled OPTIONAL QUESTIONS.