

## Who's My Parent When I Fill out My FAFSA©?

Dependent students are required to report parent information on the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA©). If you're not sure whether you are a *dependent student*, go to [StudentAid.gov/fafsa/filling-out/dependency](https://StudentAid.gov/fafsa/filling-out/dependency).

For reporting purposes, "parent" means your legal (biological or adoptive) parent (and step-parent if your parent is remarried), or a person that the state has determined to be your **legal** parent. Use this guide to figure out which parent's information to include (depending on your family situation).

Question 1: Are your parents married to each other?

- If yes, then report information for both parents on the FAFSA.
- If no, then answer question 2.

Question 2: Do your parents live together?

- If yes, then report information for both parents on the FAFSA, even if they were **never married, are divorced, or are separated**.
- If no, then answer question 3.

Question 3: Did you live with one parent more than the other over the past 12 months?

- If yes, then report information on the FAFSA for the parent you lived with more. Also, if this parent remarried, you will need to report information for your stepparent on the FAFSA.
- If no, then report information on the FAFSA for the parent who provided more financial support over the past 12 months or in the last year you received support. **Also, if this parent is remarried, you will need to report information for your step-parent on the FAFSA.**

The following people are not your parents unless they have legally adopted you:

- Widowed step-parent
- Grandparents
- Foster Parents
- Legal Guardians
- Older Brothers or Sisters
- Aunts or Uncles

**Answer all of the questions on the attached form about the parent or parents that should be listed on the FAFSA in accordance with the regulations stated above.  
Financial Information is for the 2016 tax year.**

**2018-2019 Parental Information**

| Student Last Name                  | First Name | Social Security Number          | JC ID |
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| 1. Parent/stepparent 1 Information |            | Parent/stepparent 2 Information |       |
| Last                               |            | Last                            |       |
| First                              |            | First                           |       |
| SSN                                |            | SSN                             |       |
| Date of Birth                      |            | Date of Birth                   |       |

2. Parents' Marital Status  
 Never married    Married/remarried    Unmarried and both parents living together    Divorced/separated    Widowed

3. Month and year they were married, remarried, separated, divorced or widowed \_\_\_\_\_

4. What income tax return did your parents' file for 2016?  
 IRS 1040    IRS 1040A or 1040EZ    A foreign tax return    A tax return with Puerto Rico, another US territory or Freely Associated State

5. For 2016, what is your parents' tax filing status according to their tax return?  
 Single    Head of household    Married- joint return    Married-separate return    Qualifying Widower    Don't know

6. **Attach a copy of your parents' 2016 Federal Income Tax Return Transcript.** You can get a copy at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), request a tax transcript.

7. By checking this box my parent(s) **certify** they ARE NOT REQUIRED to FILE a 2016 Federal Income Tax Return:

8. Parents' state of legal residency? \_\_\_\_\_ Legal residence since? \_\_\_\_\_

9. How many people are in your parents' household? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Include:

- Yourself, even if you don't live with your parents,
- Your parents,
- Your parents' other children if (a) your parents will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, or (b) the children could answer 'NO' to every question in Step Three on the FAFSA, and
- Other people if they now live with your parents, your parents provide more than half of their support and your parents will continue to provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.
- How many people in your parents' household will be college students? \_\_\_\_\_
- IF they are or will be attending between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.
- ALWAYS count yourself as a college student.
- NEVER count your parents' as college students.
- You may include others only if they will attend, at least half-time in 2017-2018, a program that leads to a college degree or certificate.

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10. In 2015 or 2016 did you, your parents or anyone in your parents' household receive benefits from any of the federal programs listed? Answering these questions will not reduce eligibility for student aid or these programs. TANF may have a different name in your parents' state. Call 1-800-4-FED-AID to find out the name of the state's program.

- Supplemental Security Income
- Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF)
- Free or Reduced Price Lunch
- Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children

11. As of today, what is your parents' total current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

12. As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' investments, including real estate? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- **Don't include:** the home in which your parents live. Net worth means current value minus debt.

13. As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' current businesses and/or investment farms? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- **Don't include:** a family farm or family business with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees.

14. Read, sign and date

By signing this document, you certify that all of the information you provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge and you agree, if asked, to provide information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form. This information may include U.S. or state income tax forms that you filed or are required to file. Also, you certify that you understand that **the Secretary of Education has the authority to verify information reported on this document with the Internal Revenue Services and other federal agencies.** If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

Signatures

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|---------------------|----------------|------|
| Parent 1 Print Name | Signature      | Date |
| Parent 2 Print Name | Signature      | Date |
| Student Signature   | Student SSN/ID | Date |