



Parent & FSA ID Flowchart

Are your parents (biological or adoptive) married to each other?

YES

NO

Include information about **both** of your parents on the FAFSA

Do your parents live together?

Do your parents file taxes together?

YES

NO

Include information about **both** parents on the FAFSA. Both parents need FSA IDs

Include information on the FAFSA about the parent who provided more of your financial support in the last 12 months

YES

NO

Only one parent needs an FSA ID

Both parents need FSA IDs

Is this parent married/remarried?

YES

NO

Include the stepparent's information as well. Do this parent and the stepparent **file taxes together**?

Only the **parent** who **provided more financial support** needs an FSA ID

What if I don't live with my parents?

- Check out this list of questions that determine dependency. If you can answer "yes" to any of the questions, you are independent and do not need to include your parent's information on the FAFSA.
- If you have a legal guardian you are automatically considered independent. You should not report your legal guardian as your parent on the FAFSA.

YES

NO

Only the parent needs an FSA ID

Both the parent and the stepparent need FSA IDs

