

Who's my parent when I fill out my financial aid application?

Dependent students are required to report parent information on their financial aid application (FAFSA or TASFA). If they're not sure whether they are a dependent student, explore the [Financial Aid Dependency Guide](#). For reporting purposes, *parent* means legal (biological or adoptive) parent or stepparent, or a person that the state has determined to be the legal parent.

Use this table to figure out which parent's information to include (depending on their family situation).

Parents' marital status

Whose information

Married and living together	Report information for both parents
Unmarried and living together	Report information for both parents
Never married or widowed	Report information for that parent
Divorced or separated	Report information for the parent with whom the student lived with the most during the past 12 months. If the time is the same, choose the parent who provided more financial support to the student.
Divorced, or widowed and remarried	Report information for parent and stepparent

The following people are not parents unless they have legally adopted the student: widowed stepparent, grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older siblings, aunts, or uncles.