

Am I a CONTRIBUTOR on My Child's FAFSA® Form?

On the FAFSA® form, a parent is defined as the legal (biological or adoptive) parent or a person that the state as determined to be the legal parent of the student. A stepparent is considered a parent only if they have adopted the student. A stepparent that hasn't adopted the student will be identified as a parent spouse.

Are you and the student's other legal parent married to each other?



Did you file taxes jointly?



Only one parent will be required as a contributor on your child's FAFSA form. If your child invites both you and your spouse to contribute, the parent who accepts their invitation first will become the required contributor. That parent will need to provide consent and approval and a signature on the form and will report their own and their spouse's information.

Both you and your spouse will be identified as contributors on your child's FAFSA form. Each of you will be required to individually provide your information, consent and approval, and signature on the form.

Do you and the student's other legal parent live together?



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Did you provide more financial support to the student than the student's other legal parent over the past 12 months?



You will be identified as a contributor on your child's FAFSA form. Your individual information, consent and approval, and signature will be required on the form.

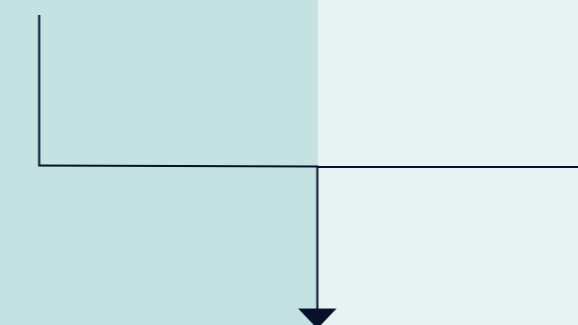
Do you have a greater amount of income and assets compared to the student's other legal parent?



You will be identified as a contributor on your child's FAFSA form. Your individual information, consent and approval, and signature will be required on the form.



You will not be identified as a contributor on your child's FAFSA form.



Have you remarried?



You will need to provide your and your spouse's information when completing your section of your child's FAFSA form. If you didn't file taxes jointly with your spouse, the child's stepparent will also be identified as a contributor.

No additional parent will be identified as a contributor on your child's FAFSA form.