

Who is my Parent when I fill out the 2025-26 FAFSA?

Dependent Students are required to report parent information on the FAFSA as a “Contributor”. A Contributor is anyone asked to provide information on an applicant’s FAFSA, including your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or stepparent, or a person that the state has determined to be your legal parent (see bullet points below). Use the chart below to determine which parent’s information to include (depending on your family situation)

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Are your Parents married to each other?

YES

Report the information for **both** parents on the FAFSA

NO

Do your parents live together?

YES

Report information for **both** parents on the FAFSA even if they were never married, are divorced, or separated

NO

Report information for the parent who **provided more financial support** over the past 12 months

Has this Parent **Remarried**?

YES

Also report information for your **STEPPARENT** on the FAFSA

NO

You **DO NOT** need to report additional parent information

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

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