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®). For reporting purposes, “PARENT” means your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or stepparent, or a person 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).

The following people are not your parents unless they have legally adopted you:
- Widowed Stepparent
- Grandparents
- Foster Parents
- Legal Guardian
- Older Brother or Sister
- Aunt or Uncle

If you’re not sure whom to report as a parent, you can visit StudentAid.ed.gov/apply/parent-info or call 800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243).

If you’re not sure whether you are a dependent student, go to StudentAid.gov/apply/dependency