

PARENT INFO & FINANCIAL AID FORMS

Do I need to provide parent information on financial aid forms?

Most likely, as most students are considered dependents of their parents. Dependent students are required to include information for one or more parents on financial aid forms like the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA). Independent students do not need to include information for parents.

Am I a dependent or independent student?

Answer the following:

	YES	NO
At any time since you turned 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a ward or dependent of the court?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you an emancipated minor or are you in a legal guardianship as determined by court?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you married or separated but not divorced?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have dependents (other than children) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will you be 24 or older by December 31 of the school year for which you are applying for financial aid?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will you be working towards a masters or doctorate degree (such as MA, MBA, JD, PhD, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you currently servicing on active duty in the US armed forces for purposes other than training?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you a veteran of the US armed forces?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you answered **NO** to all questions:

You may be a **DEPENDENT STUDENT.**

You are required to provide parent information on your financial aid forms such as the FAFSA or ORSAA.

If you answered **YES** to any questions:

You may be an **INDEPENDENT STUDENT.**

You may not be required to provide parent information on your financial aid forms such as the FAFSA or ORSAA.

What if...

- my parents don't want to fill out financial aid forms?
- I don't know where my parents are?
- I live with a family member other than my parents and do not have contact with my parents?
- my parent is incarcerated but I don't meet the criteria to be an independent student above?

Contact the institution where you are applying for aid. The financial aid office can advise you on options.

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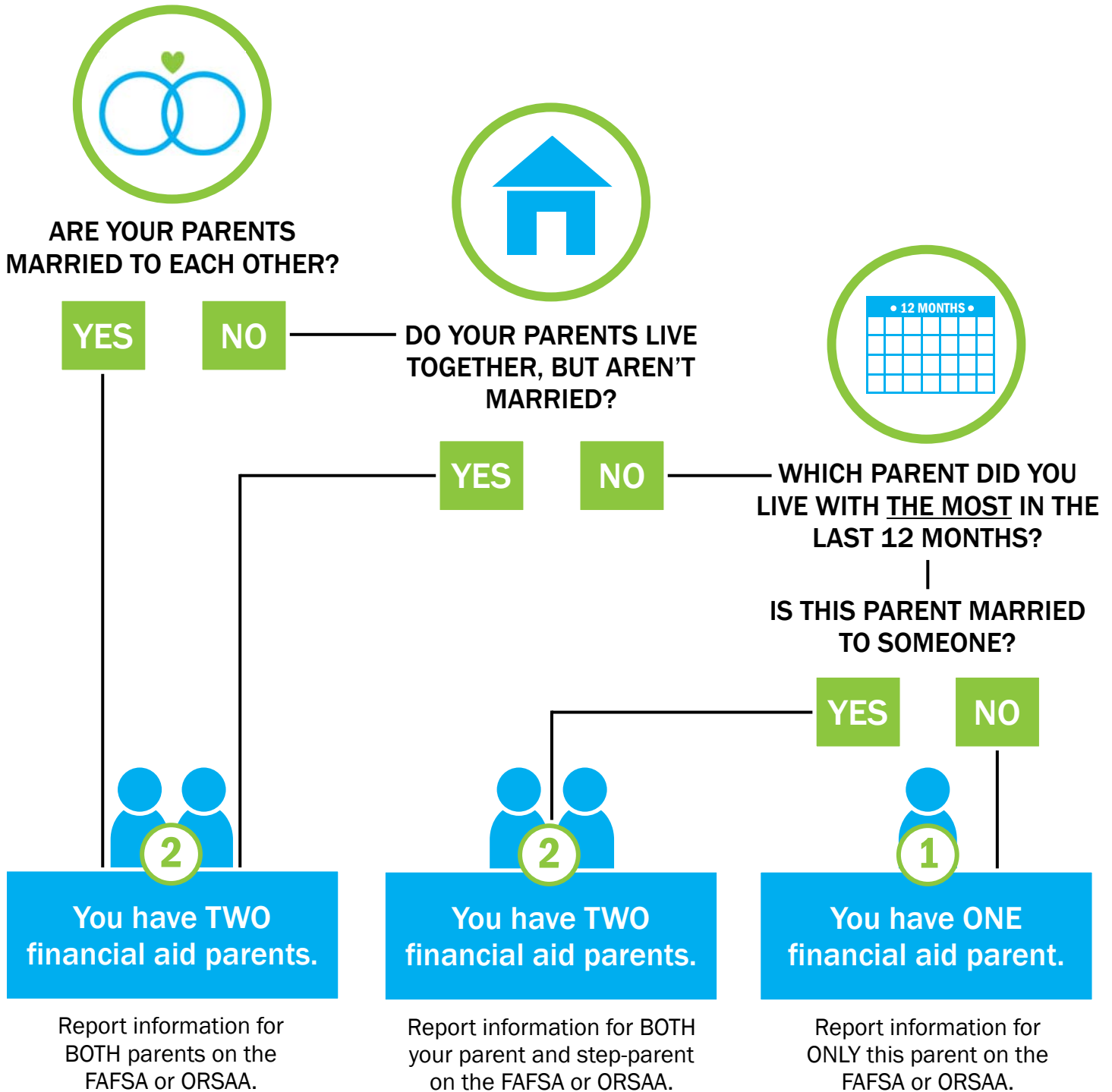


What if I am a U.S. citizen or permanent resident but my parents are undocumented?

Complete the FAFSA with a paper signature page. Follow the instructions for a parent completing the FAFSA without a Social Security Number on fafsa.gov.

Which parent's information do I need to provide on financial aid forms?

Use the following flowchart to determine which parent information to provide on the FAFSA or ORSAA.



More information: studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/parent-info