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?	☐	☐
Are you an emancipated minor or are you in a legal guardianship as determined by court?	☐	☐
Are you an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?	☐	☐
Are you married but not divorced or separated?	☐	☐
Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?	☐	☐
Do you have dependents (other than children) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you?	☐	☐
Will you be 24 or older by December 31 of the school year for which you are applying for financial aid?	☐	☐
Will you be working towards a masters or doctorate degree (such as MA, MBA, JD, PhD, etc.)?	☐	☐
Are you currently servicing on active duty in the US armed forces for purposes other than training?	☐	☐
Are you a veteran of the US armed forces?	☐	☐

If you answered NO to all questions:	If you answered YES to any questions:
You may be a DEPENDENT STUDENT.	**You may be an INDEPENDENT STUDENT.**
You are required to provide parent information on your financial aid forms such as the FAFSA or ORSAA.	You may not be required to provide parent information on your financial aid forms such as the FAFSA or ORSAA.

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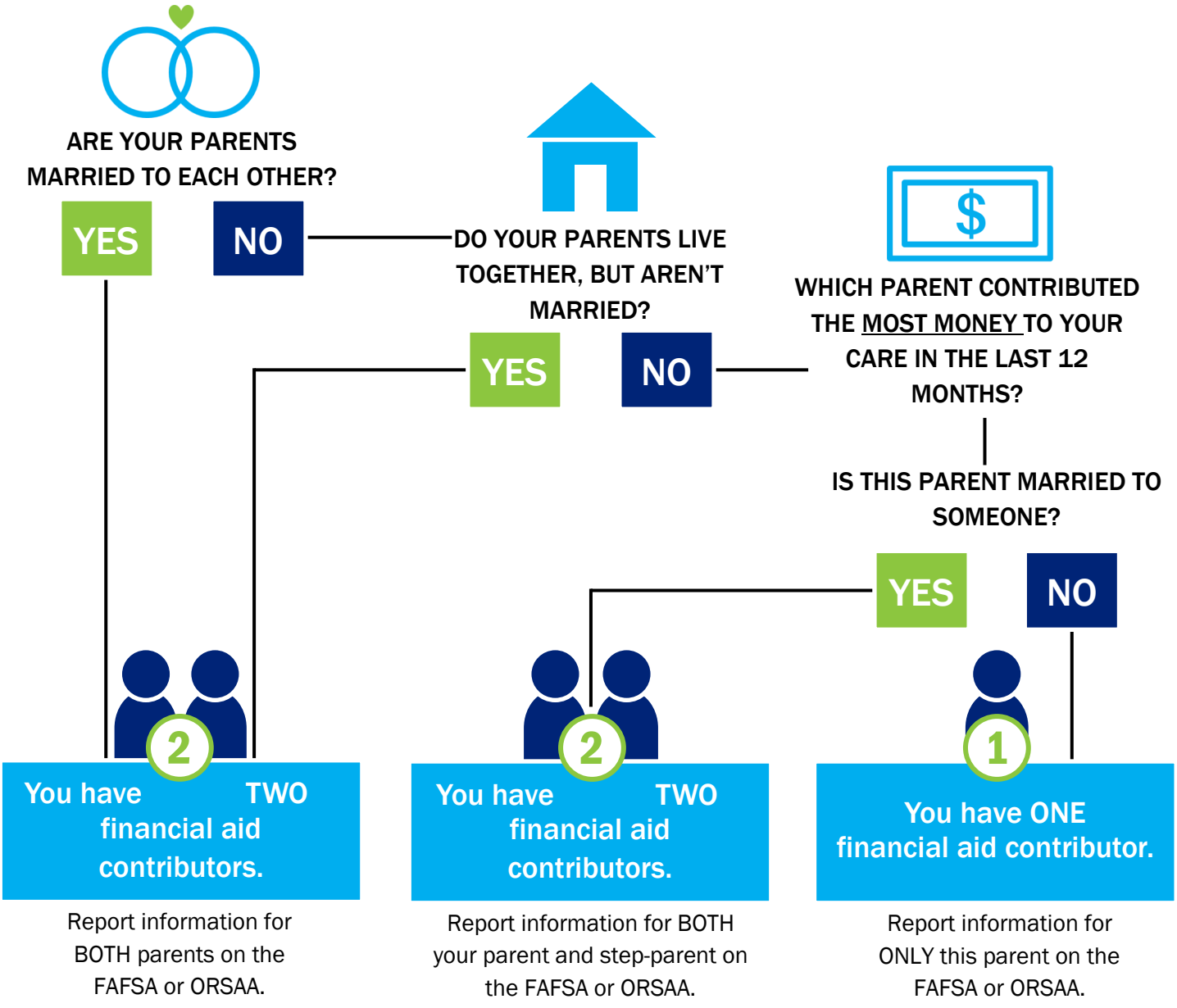
What if...

- 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. You can also talk to your high school counselor.

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



More information: https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out#parent-info

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