

## WHO'S MY PARENT?

**Question 1:** Are your parents married to each other?

- If yes, then report information for both parents on the FAFSA form.
- If no, then answer question 2.

**Question 2:** Do your parents live together?

- If yes, then report information for both parents on the FAFSA form, even if they were never married, are divorced, or are separated.
- If no, then move on to the next item.

**Item 3:** If you answered no to both questions 1 and 2, then report information for the parent who provided more financial support over the past 12 months or in the last year you received support on the FAFSA form. Also, if this parent remarried, you will need to report information for your stepparent on the FAFSA form.

If both your parents contributed equally, the parent of record will be the parent who had the most income and assets.

**Note:** Dependent students are required to report parent information on the FAFSA form. A parent means your legal (biological or adoptive) parent and/or stepparent, or a person that the state has determined to be your legal parent. A stepparent is considered a parent if they are married to a biological or adoptive parent and if the student counts in their household size.

Legal guardians are not considered a parent for FAFSA purposes.