Bloomsburg UNIVERSITY

Office of Financial Aid

2020-2021 FAFSA CHECKLIST

WHAT YOU NEED TO FILE

Get your FSA ID (Unless you already have one!)

The FSA ID is a username & password the student will use to access all Federal Student Aid websites. It will be used for multiple years so we recommend you store it in a safe location that you will remember. Dependent students will need one parent to create a parent FSA ID for use on these sites as well.

Dependent students & parents

You will need the following items:

- ☐ Student & parent FSA ID's
- ☐ Student & parent Social Security numbers
- ☐ Student & parent 2018 federal income tax returns (include Schedule 1, 2 & 3 if applicable)

  Note: The IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) is an option within the FAFSA to automatically retrieve and transfer income and tax data from the IRS into the FAFSA. This is the preferred method, if possible.
- ☐ Student & parent 2018 W-2 forms and other records of money earned
- ☐ Student & parent 2018 untaxed income received including: workers' compensation, child support, payments to tax deferred pension, savings plans,etc.
- ☐ Current bank statements & records of stocks, bonds, 529 plans and other investments

How long will it take?

- **Initial Application - 30 min**
- **Renewal Application - 15 min or less**
- **FAFSA Correction - 10 min or less**

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Assets on the FAFSA

Assets NOT Reported on the FAFSA:

- Your primary residence (the home you live in!)
- Retirement plans
- Business that employs less than 100 full time employees
- Family farm if family's principal residence & parents participate in farming operations
- Qualified life insurance policies
- Personal possessions

Reportable Assets on the FAFSA:

- Cash, checking & savings accounts
- Real estate (other than home you live in)
- Financial assets, such as: stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, mutual funds & money market accounts
- UGMA/UTMA accounts
- College Savings plans, including: 529 plans and Coverdell accounts (list as a parent asset)

Questions?

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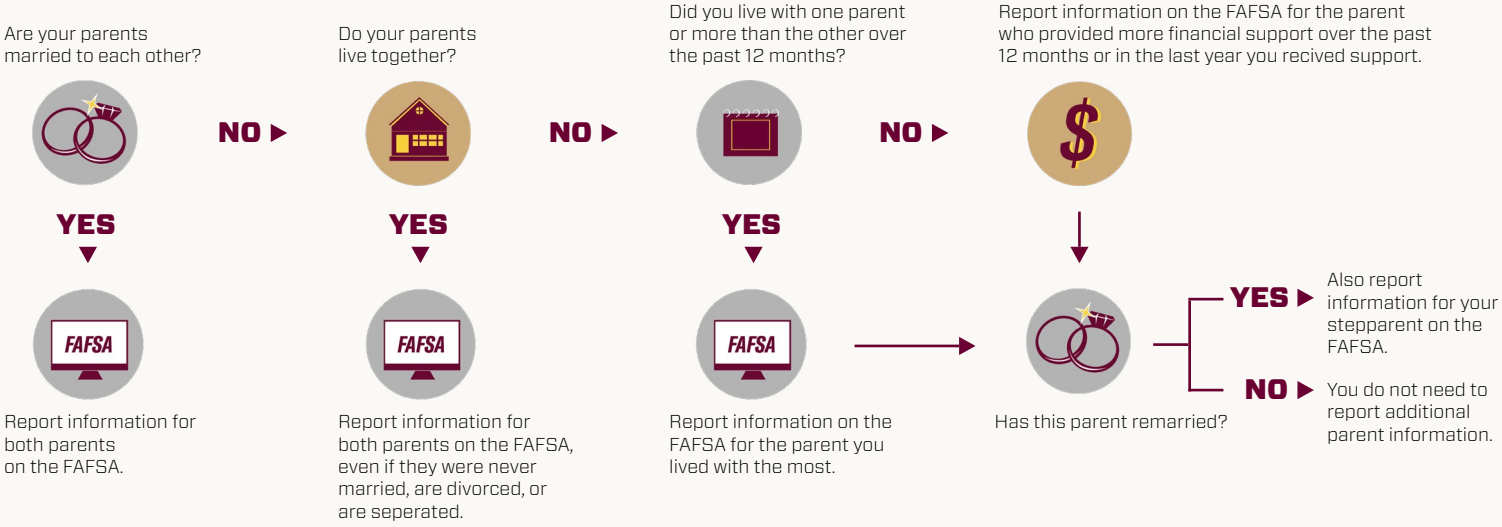
WHO'S MY PARENT WHEN I FILL OUT MY FAFSA?

Dependent students are required to report parent information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). [1] For reporting purposes, "PARENT" means your legal biological or adoptive parent or stepparent, or a person that 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 Guardians • Older Siblings • Aunts or Uncles

When is Parent Information Required?

Students are considered dependent and required to provide parent information unless they can answer YES to one of the following questions:

- ☐ Were you born before January 1, 1997?
- ☐ As of today, are you married?
- ☐ At the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, will you be working on a graduate program?
- ☐ Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training, or are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
- ☐ Do you have children or dependents who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021?
- ☐ At any time since you turned 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent ward of the court?
- ☐ As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?

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If you're not sure whom to report as a parent, you can visit:
studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/parent-info
or call 800-433-3243

[1] If you're not sure whether you are a dependent student, go to:
studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/dependency