

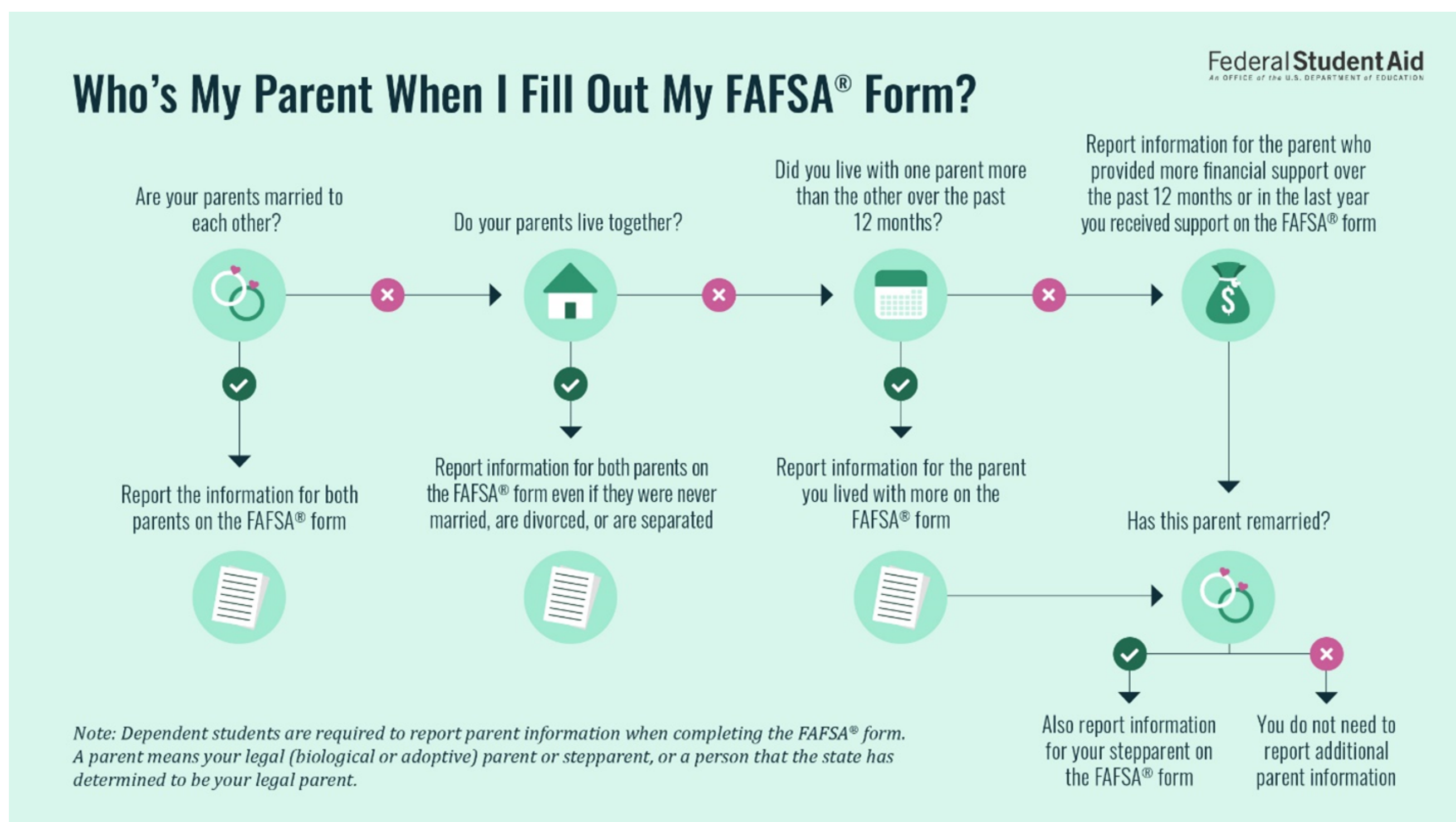
# FAFSA *Federal Application for Student Aid*

FAFSA is the application college going students fill out in order to see what funds they qualify for to help pay for school. Grants and loans are both available through the FAFSA application. Completing the FAFSA is a Texas graduation requirement. Students or parents who will not complete the application may sign an Opt-out Form to satisfy this requirement.

October 1 is the date each year that the FAFSA application becomes available for the following Fall school term.

For the college school year of 2023 – 2024 families will use their tax information from the year 2021.

Necessary Information: In order to determine which parent, if any, to include on the FAFSA application, use this chart to identify who should be included on the FAFSA application. Complete the fields below:



**Fill in the information on this chart and the ones on the following page. You can leave off SSN# or other information you prefer not to have in print for security reasons, but make sure this information is available when asking for help to complete the online application.**

Status of Student	Information Needed	Classification of Student
The parent(s) / guardian has custodial rights over the student and the student lives with them the majority of the time.	Parent / Guardian Name: _____ If the parent is married the name of the spouse must be included as well. Parent / Guardian 2 Name: _____	DEPENDANT
If the student has been in foster care / ward of the court Or If the student has a child they support financially Or The student is experiencing homelessness	This student is considered an independent for the purposes of financial aid.  Parental information is not needed.	INDEPENDENT

# FAFSA

*steps to complete*

The information needed to complete the chart below will be the information the student and parent will need when completing the FAFSA online. Having this information at hand will make completing the application much easier.

	<b>Student</b>	<b>Father / Stepfather</b>	<b>Mother / Stepmother</b>
Dates of Birth			
Social Security #s			
Did you file taxes in 2021?			
If you did not file, how much did you earn from working in 2021? (use w2 info)			
Month & year of marriages and or divorces			
Month & year you began living in Texas			
List any benefits received (SNAP, SSI, WIC, TANF)			

The student and parent will both need to create their own FSA ID. This information will be used to log into the website and electronically sign and submit the FAFSA form. The first thing the student and parent should do is create this on the FAFSA website. If the parent previously filled out the application for a sibling, they will need to use the same FSA ID for the new student's application.

Record the information used and the usernames and passwords created for each account. Keep up with this information. Students will need to log into their FAFSA accounts and update it each year while they are in school.

<b>Student Username</b>	<b>Student Password</b>	<b>Student Save Key</b>	<b>Student Email</b>
<b>Parent Username</b>	<b>Parent Password</b>	<b>Parent Save Key</b>	<b>Parent Email</b>

Log into the FAFSA account and answer the questions given. Provide the information requested until the application is complete. Both the parent and student will have to digitally sign the application in order to submit it.