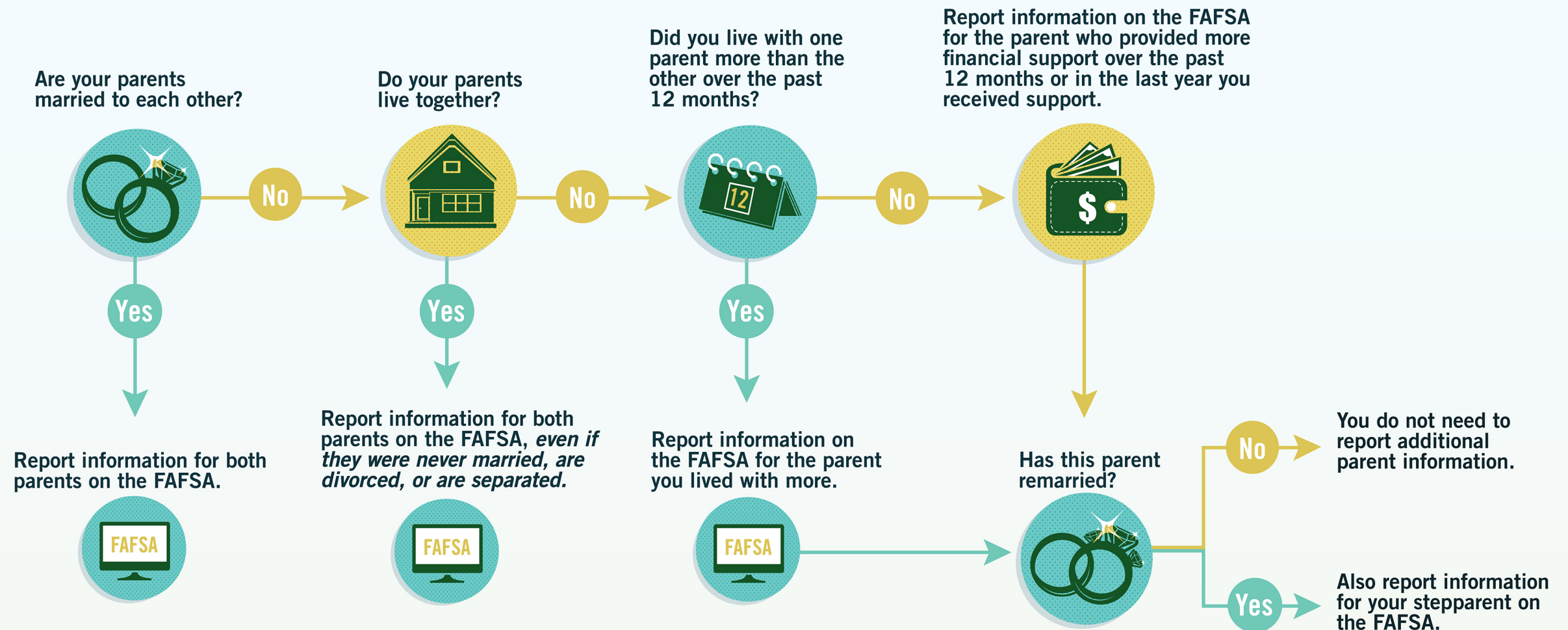# WHO'S MY PARENT
WHEN I FILL OUT
MY FAFSA®?

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).

Are your parents married to each other?

No → **Do your parents live together?**

No → **Did you live with one parent more than the other over the past 12 months?**

No → **Report information on the FAFSA for the parent who provided more financial support over the past 12 months or in the last year you received support.**

Yes
Report information for both parents on the FAFSA.

FAFSA

Yes
Report information for both parents on the FAFSA, *even if they were never married, are divorced, or are separated.*

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Yes
Report information on the FAFSA for the parent you lived with more.

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Has this parent remarried?

No → You do not need to report additional parent information.

Yes → Also report information for your stepparent on the FAFSA.

The following people are not your parents unless they have legally adopted you:

- Widowed Stepparent
- Grandparents
- Foster Parents
- Legal Guardians
- Older Brothers or Sisters
- Aunts or Uncles

If you're not sure whom to report as a parent, you can visit StudentAid.ed.gov/fafsa/filling-out/parent-info or call 800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243).

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