## Am la CONTRIBUTOR on My Child's FAFSA® Form?



On the FAFSA® form, a parent is defined as the legal (biological or adoptive) parent or a person that the state has determined to be the legal parent of the student. A stepparent is considered a parent only if they have adopted the student. A stepparent that hasn't adopted the student will be identified as a parent spouse.

Did you provide more financial Are you and the student's Do you and the Do you have a greater amount of support to the student than the other legal parent married student's other legal income and assets compared to student's other legal parent to each other? parent live together? the student's other legal parent? over the past 12 months? You will not be You will be identified as identified as a contributor a contributor on your child's on your child's FAFSA form. FAFSA form. Your individual Did you file taxes jointly? information, You will be identified as a contributor Both you and your spouse will be consent and identified as contributors on your on your child's FAFSA form. Your approval, and individual information, consent child's FAFSA form. Each of you signature will will be required to individually and approval, and signature will be be required on provide your information, consent required on the form. the form. and approval, and signature on the form. Only one parent Both you and will be required your spouse will be identified as a contributor as contributors on your child's FAFSA form. on your child's If your child FAFSA form. invites both you Each of you and your spouse will be required to contribute, to individually the parent who provide your accepts their information, Have you remarried? invitation first consent and will become approval, and the required signature on contributor. the form. That parent will need to provide consent and approval and You will need to No additional a signature provide your and parent will be on the form identified as your spouse's and will report information when a contributor their own and on your child's completing your their spouse's FAFSA form. section of your

child's FAFSA

the child's

form. If you didn't

file taxes jointly

stepparent will

also be identified

as a contributor.

with your spouse,

information.