How FAFSA Defines a Parent

**With 1 Parent if:**

- Your parent is not married and does not live with your other legal parent
- Your parent is widowed
- Your parents are divorced/-separated and do not live together
  
  - List the parent you lived with more during the past 12 months. Lived with them equally? **Then**
  
  - List the parent who provided more financial support during the past 12 months.

**With 2 Parents, regardless of gender, if:**

- Your legal parents (biological and/or adoptive) are not married to each other but live together. This includes: never married, separated, divorced.
- Your parents are married regardless of gender.
- You live with one parent that has remarried: list the information for that parent and your stepparent.
- Your parent was widowed and is now remarried: list the information for that parent and your stepparent.

**To Include or not to Include**

**Do not include if:**

- The individual is not married to your parent or is not a legal or biological parent