

FAFSA Filing: Student Aid Accounts

FAQs

What is a Student Aid account?

To complete the FAFSA, an account at studentaid.gov is required. This takes about 15 minutes to create and must be done **3-5 days** before filing the FAFSA.

Who needs a Student Aid account?

The student always needs to create an account. If the student is considered a dependent student, then at least one parent must also create an account.

Please use the following charts to determine whether you are an independent or dependent student, and to determine which parent(s) need to create a studentaid.gov account.

Dependent or Independent Student?

For FAFSA purposes, any student under the age of 24 is considered a dependent student unless they fall into at least one of these categories:

- Married
- Graduate or professional student
- Has children and provides more than half of their support
- Has live-in dependents and provides more than half of their support
- A full-time member of the U.S. Armed Forces
- A veteran
- An emancipated minor
- An unaccompanied youth who is homeless or at risk of being homeless
- Since turning 13, has been an orphan, in foster care, or a dependent/ward of the court



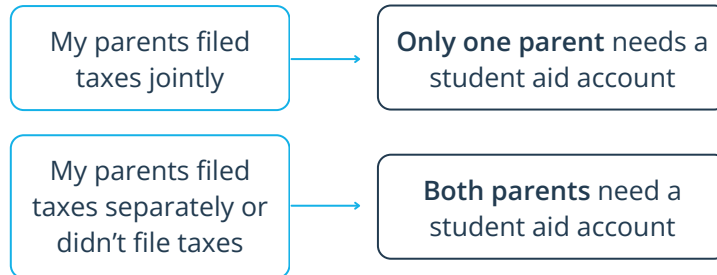
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Granite Edvance can help you file your FAFSA, review financial aid offer letters, and answer your general financial aid questions! Live translation services are available.

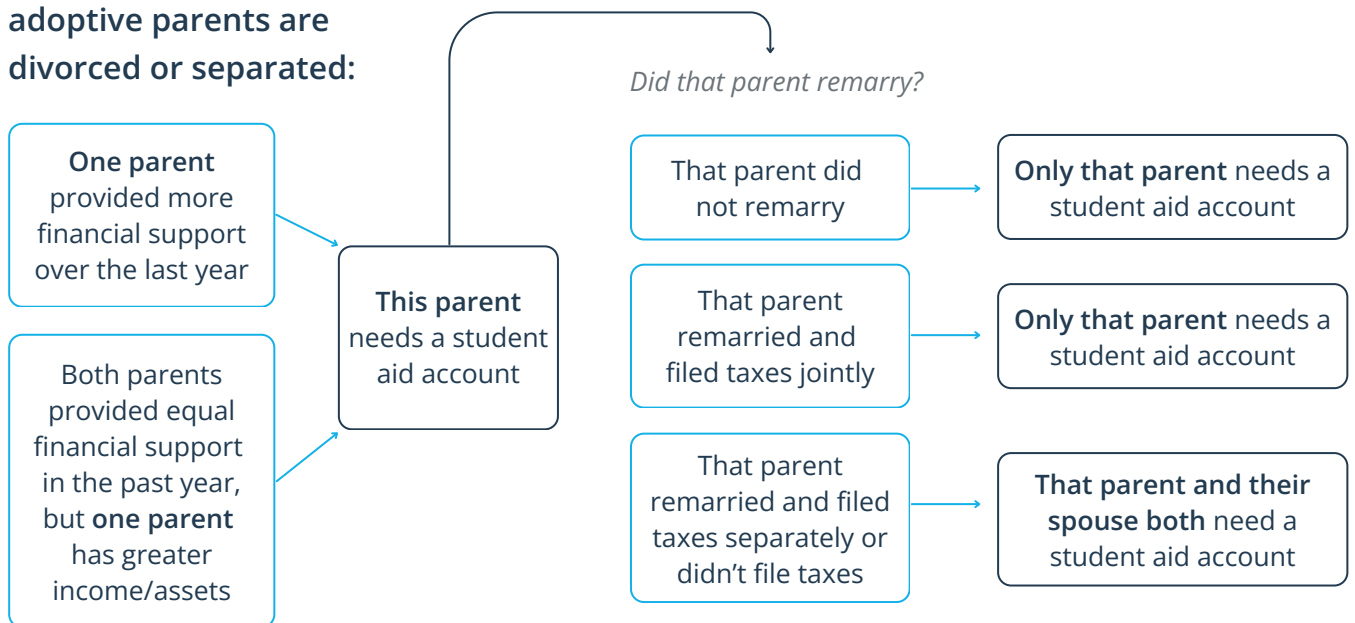
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I am a dependent student and...

a) My biological or adoptive parents are married and/or living in the same household:



b) My biological or adoptive parents are divorced or separated:



I am an independent student and...

