



Office of Financial Aid

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Parent’s Information to Include on FAFSA

Student’s Last Name First Name MI Lander ID (L#)

We are unable to continue processing your application for financial aid due to a discrepancy with your Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Read these notes to determine whose information should be included on the FAFSA in the contributor section.

NOTE: Effective the 2025-2026 academic year, the parental information required on the FAFSA is based on the parent who provides the greater support for the student. It is not based on who the student lived with most in the last 12 months. If both parents provided an exactly equal amount of financial support during the past 12 months, or if they don’t support the student financially, answer the questions about the parent with the greater income and assets.

Check the situation that applies and complete appropriate action below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Situation	What to do now	List Name(s) of Parent to be included on FAFSA
	If your biological/adoptive parents are both living and married to each other as of the day you completed the FAFSA	Include information for both on the FAFSA	Parent 1 Parent 2
	If your biological/adoptive parents are not married to each other and live together	Report their status as Unmarried and both parents living together. Update all parent information on the FAFSA, including income and assets.	Parent 1 Parent 2
	If your biological/adoptive parent is widowed and not re-married	Answer the questions about that parent.	Name of Parent
	If your biological/adoptive parent is single (never married)	Answer the questions about the parent who provided the greater support during the past 12 months. If both parents provided an exactly equal amount of financial support during the past 12 months, or if they don’t support you financially, answer the questions about the parent with the greater income and assets.	Name of Parent
	If your biological/adoptive parent is widowed but remarried as of the day you completed the FAFSA	Answer the questions about that parent and the person whom your parent married (your step-parent)	Name of Parent Name of Step-parent Date of marriage
	If your biological/adoptive parents are separated or divorced as of the day you completed the FAFSA	Answer the questions about the parent who provided the greater support during the past 12 months. If both parents provided an exactly equal amount of financial support during the past 12 months, or if they don’t support you financially, answer the questions about the parent with the greater income and assets.	Name of Parent Date of separation Date of divorce
	If your biological/adoptive parents are divorced from each other, but are remarried as of the day you completed the FAFSA	Answer the questions about the parent who provided the greater support during the past 12 months. If both parents provided an exactly equal amount of financial support during the past 12 months, or if they don’t support you financially, answer the questions about the parent with the greater income and assets. If this parent is remarried, you must include information for your step-parent.	Name of Parent Name of Step-parent Date of marriage

Student’s Signature Phone # Date

Note that foster parents, legal guardians, grandparents, widowed step-parents, or other relatives are not considered parents who are eligible to include their information on the FAFSA. Only individuals who are your biological parents/step-parents or are listed on your birth certificate, or have legally adopted you can be included.

DATA ENTRY	Office Use Only	COUNSELOR REVIEW
RRAAREQ	PARENT = N CNSLV = N	Whose info is required, is it on the FAFSA, are verf docs needed? Comment Code 058
Initials/date		RNANAxX Update Needed?
Fwd to Counselor date		RRAAREQ – PARENT + any verf docs missing; RHACOMM
		CNSLR Initials/date

If you feel you have special circumstances that need to be considered, please refer to www.lander.edu/finaid/forms and select the Dependency Status Appeal Form for the appropriate academic year.