

Important FAFSA Things To Know

·Which parent do I use?

- If your parents are married, either parent can help you complete the FAFSA.
- If your parents are divorced, you will use the parent that you have lived with the most in the last 12 months.
- If your parents are divorced and you have lived with your parents an equal amount of time in the last 12 months, you will use the parent that provides the most financial support for you.
- If your parents are divorced and the parent you are using on the FAFSA has remarried, you will need to include your step-parent's information on the FAFSA (but you will still only need to make an FSA ID for your parent, not your step-parent).
- When using the DRT (direct retrieval tool) will transfer information directly from the IRS, so that you do not have to put the information on your 1040 on the FAFSA manually. By using the DRT, you are less likely to be selected for verification.

· What does it mean to be selected for verification?

Some students that submit the FAFSA are asked to provide paperwork confirming what they put on the FAFSA is correct (i.e., "selected for verification"). Using DRT prevents you from having to confirm data on 1040 or W2 later.

**When entering your address on the IRS website,
enter the address that you listed on your 2020 taxes
exactly as it appears on your 1040.**