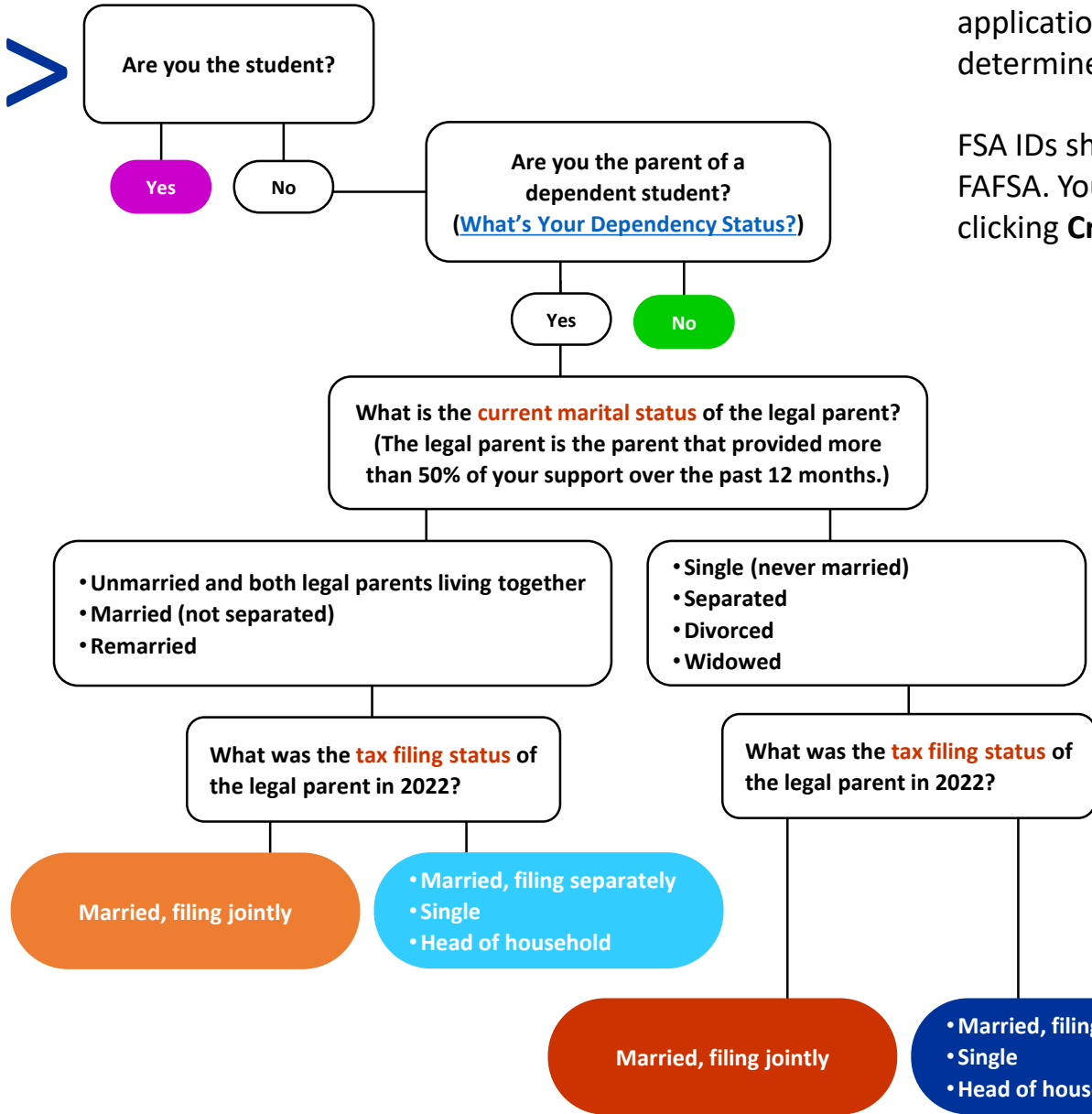


Who needs a Federal Student Aid ID?

For Dependent Students | [2024 – 2025 FAFSA](#)



Federal Student Aid IDs (FSA IDs) are required for students and parents to access and electronically sign the FAFSA. The FAFSA will determine who needs an FSA ID as you advance through the application, but this document is intended to help you determine who needs to create an FSA ID ahead of time.

FSA IDs should be created at least 2-3 days before starting the FAFSA. You can create one today by visiting StudentAid.gov and clicking **Create Account**.

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- Every student needs an FSA ID!**
- Only the legal parent(s) of a dependent student (and their spouse in some cases) will need an FSA ID. Legal guardians will not be contributors to the FAFSA. If a student is determined to be independent for FAFSA purposes, no parents will need an FSA ID.**
- Only one parent will need an FSA ID to consent to the transfer of 2022 IRS information.**
- Both parents will need FSA IDs to consent to the transfer of 2022 IRS information.**
- If currently separated, divorced, or widowed, but 2022 taxes were filed jointly, one parent will need an FSA ID to consent to the transfer of 2022 IRS information. The student should contact the financial aid office to request an income adjustment.**
- Only the legal parent will need an FSA ID to consent to the transfer of 2022 IRS information.**

Use UCanGo2's FSA ID Worksheet to keep a record of your FSA ID information. It's available in English and Spanish at UCanGo2.org. Click **Publications & Tools** to access the worksheet.



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