

**Rhode Island College**  
**Inquiry/Response Form #3**  
**2020 -2021**

Federal regulations normally require students to report income and asset information for either their natural parents or adoptive parents.

After reviewing the information that you provided on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), we are unable to determine if you provided the correct information.

Please review the description below. **Check the one that is true for you and follow the instructions.** Be sure to clearly print your name and student ID number on all correspondence.

\_\_\_ Your biological or adoptive parents are both living and married to each other, or are not married and live together.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Have your parents complete Step 4 of the FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> and either print the signature page or use their FSA ID to sign the FAFSA. The signature page must be sent directly to the federal processing center.

\_\_\_ Your biological or adoptive parents are divorced or separated.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Have the parent that you lived with the most in the last 12 months complete Step 4 of the FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> and either print the signature page or use his or her FSA ID to sign the FAFSA. The signature page must be sent directly to the federal processing center. If you did not live with one parent more than with the other in the last 12 months, use the parent who provided the most financial support during that time. If neither parent provided greater financial support during the last 12 months, use the parent who provided greater support during the most recent calendar year. **If the parent that you counted above has married or remarried, you must also include the information about your stepparent.**

\_\_\_ Your biological or adoptive parent is widowed or single.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Have your widowed or single parent complete Step 4 of the FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> use his or her FSA ID to sign the FAFSA. **If your parent has remarried, you must also include the information about your stepparent.**

\_\_\_ You have an unusual situation which should enable you to be considered financially independent even though you do not meet the federal requirements for independent status as specified in Step 3 of the FAFSA.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide a signed statement which provides a detailed explanation of your unusual circumstances. You should also include a supporting statement from a school counselor, social worker, member of the clergy or relative familiar with your situation. Return this information directly to the Office of Student Financial Aid in the envelope provided.

If you are uncertain about how to respond to this request for additional information, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at (401) 456-8033. This form needs to be returned to the Office of Student Financial Aid after you have followed the instructions listed above.

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**Student's ID number**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print full name**

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**Student's signature**

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**Parent's signature**