Parent Marital Status Conflicting Information Form

2026-2027

Name: ____ STUDENT ID:______________

During our review of your 2026-2027 FAFSA application we identified potentially conflicting information regarding your parent's marital and/or tax filing status. Please verify Parent Marital Status first, then, using the arrow to guide you to the corresponding choices, indicate Tax Filing Status **(To be completed by Parent).**

What is your (the parent) Marital Status as of the date you completed the 2026-2027 FAFSA?	What is your (the parent) Tax Filing Status as stated on your 2025 Federal Tax Return?
Single or Unmarried *Please note: If biological or adoptive parents are unmarried but living together, both parents must submit a tax return transcript*	Single Head of Household **Other (see A below)**
Married or Re-Married Date of Marriage:_______________ *Please note: A biological or adoptive parent who is legally married must indicate spouse on FAFSA and tax information for step-parent must be provided*	Married Filing Joint Return Married Filing Separate Return **Head of Household *(ineligible filing status, see B below)*** **Other (See A below)**
Divorced or Separated Date of Divorce or Separation:_______________ *Please note: Divorced or separated parents who are co-habiting must both be included on FAFSA and tax information for both parents must be submitted*	Single **Married Filing Joint Return *(must submit both parent's W2 forms)*** Married Filing Separate Return Head of Household **Other (see A below)**
Widowed Date Widowed:______________ *Please note: A widowed parent should not include a deceased spouse on the FAFSA regardless of tax filing status*	Single Married Filing Joint Return Married Filing Separate Return Head of Household **Other (see A below)**

A. If you answered ***"other"*** to any of the above questions, please provide a statement below explaining your tax filing situation. Based on your answer additional documentation may be required **(this statement to be made by parent[s])**

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B. If you are legally married and you filed taxes as Head of Household for 2025**, you may need to file an amended tax return (1040X).** Please answer the following questions if you believe you should be considered "unmarried" and eligible for this tax filing status. Legally married individuals ***may*** be eligible to file taxes as Head of Household only if ***ALL*** of the following are true:

True	False	Source: http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p17.pdf Pg. 20
		You believe that you are "unmarried" or should be considered "unmarried" for tax filing purposes
		You filed a separate tax return from your spouse
		You paid more than half the cost to keeping up your home for the tax year
		Your spouse did not live in your home during the last 6 months of the tax year. ***Your spouse is considered to live in your home even if he or she is temporarily absent due to special circumstance***
		Your home was the main home of your child, stepchild, or foster child for more than half the year
		You must be able to claim an exemption for the child. However, you meet this test if you cannot claim the exemption only because the non-custodial parent can claim the child

I certify that all of the information reported on this form is accurate. I understand that I may be required to provide additional documentation.

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Parent Signature Date Student Signature Date

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