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Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid

2018-2019 Parent Statement of Marital Status

Student's Last Name	First Name	MI

There was a discrepancy in the marital status reported on the 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the documentation received for verification purposes. In order to resolve the discrepancy, please have your parent complete this form and provide the required documentation.

Part I

Marital Status	Required Documentation
<input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED	Please attach a copy of the divorce decree
<input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED	Please attach a copy of the marriage license/certificate
<input type="checkbox"/> REMARRIED	Please attach a copy of the marriage license/certificate Date Remarried _____ Spouse's Date of Birth _____
<input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATED*	Please complete Part II of the form
<input type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED	Sign and date the bottom
<input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED	Please attach a copy of the obituary or death certificate

1. What was your marital status as of December 31, 2016? _____

2. What was your filing status for 2016 and why did you select that status? _____

3. What is your current marital status? _____

Part II

Please provide the following:

- Name of parent listed on the 18-19 FAFSA _____
- Dates of your separation _____
- Proof of Maintenance of separate living such as a lease/mortgage statement, utility bills, etc. for **each** parent.

I certify that all information provided is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Spouse's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

(Required for dependent students)

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Marital Status Information Sheet

Verification Guide Information Below:

Students or parents who filed a joint return but are divorced, separated, or widowed when the application is signed won't be able to copy the information from the tax forms or transfer data using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. Instead, they must figure out how much of the income and taxes paid is attributable to them and not their spouses. For more on this calculation, see "Using a joint return to figure individual AGI and taxes paid" in *Chapter 4*.

A student who is only engaged answers as unmarried unless she waits until after the wedding to complete the FAFSA. A student is considered married if she is separated or planning to divorce or if she has a relationship that meets the criteria for common-law marriage in her state. A student who was independent only because she was married becomes dependent for the next award year if she divorces and cannot answer yes to any of the dependency questions.

A couple need not be legally separated to be considered separated—they may deem themselves informally separated when one of the partners has left the household for an indefinite period and the marriage is severed. While a married couple that lives together can't be informally separated, in some states they can be legally separated. If their state allows this, and if they are still living together and are legally separated, then that is their status on the FAFSA. For a dependent student, use the rules for divorce to determine which parent's information to report.

When dependent students' parents filed a joint return and have separated, divorced, married someone else, or been widowed, the students must submit a copy of each W-2 form for the parent whose tax information is on the FAFSA. Similarly, an independent student must submit a copy of each of her W-2 forms if she filed a joint return and is separated, divorced, or a widow.

Example:

Eddy is an independent student. He was married, but now he and his wife have separated. He's paying child support, but it isn't enough to provide more than half his children's support, so he can't include his children in his household size. Eddy's nephew Chavo lives with him and gets more than half of his support from Eddy (and will do so for the award year), so he can be counted in Eddy's household size, which is two.

Marital Separation is defined as: termination of cohabitation either by mutual agreement or, in the case of judicial separation, under the decree of a court. **Note:** You must meet this definition to be considered SEPARATED.

Internal Revenue Definition:

Per IRS regulations <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p17.pdf>, you are considered married for the whole year if on the last day of your tax year you and your spouse meet any one of the following tests.

- You are married and living together as husband and wife.
- You are living together in a common law marriage that is recognized in the state where you now live or in the state where the common law marriage began.
- You are married and living apart, but not legally separated under a decree of divorce or separate maintenance.
- You are separated under an interlocutory (not final) decree of divorce. For purposes of filing a joint return, you are not considered divorced.

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