



Your 2017-18 FAFSA application has been identified by the Department of Education for potentially containing conflicting information regarding your Marital Status and Tax Filing Status. The conflicting information must be resolved prior to disbursing financial aid funds. Please complete the information requested below.

**A. Student Information**

Student's Name (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Student Marital Status**

Please check ONE of the following regarding your marital status on the day you filed your 2017-18 FAFSA and then indicate your tax filing status on your 2015 Federal Tax Return.

What is your Marital Status as of the date you completed the <b>2017-18 FAFSA</b> .	Mark your tax filing status as stated on your <b>2015 Federal Tax Return</b> .
<input type="checkbox"/> I am not married.	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household <input type="checkbox"/> Other*
<input type="checkbox"/> I am married. Date of Marriage: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Married Filing Joint Return <input type="checkbox"/> Married Filing Separately - report both incomes on the FAFSA <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household - Special circumstances only. See page 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Other*
<input type="checkbox"/> I am married but am separated from my spouse. Note: <b>Must include a utility bill for both individuals showing separate addresses.</b> Date of Separation: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Married Filing Joint Return <input type="checkbox"/> Married Filing Separately - report both incomes on the FAFSA <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household - Special circumstances only. See page 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Other*
<input type="checkbox"/> I am divorced. Date of Divorce: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household <input type="checkbox"/> Other*
<input type="checkbox"/> I am widowed. Date of Widowed: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married Filing Joint Return <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household <input type="checkbox"/> Qualifying Widower (With this, you are certifying that you are a qualifying widow and have provided only the surviving spouse's information on the FAFSA.) <input type="checkbox"/> Other*

\*If you answered "Other" to any of the filing statuses above, there may be conflicting information that requires resolution. Please specify what your tax filing status was and **attach** a letter that explains why you were allowed to use that filing status given your marital status. Please provide a letter of explanation from your tax preparer or the IRS, if available.

**Please Certify and Sign on Page 2**

**C. Head of Household Eligibility (Skip unless you marked on the "Married" or "Married but separated" questions.)**

If you are legally married and have filed your taxes as Head of Household for 2015, you may need to file an amended tax return reflecting the correct filing status. If your tax professional indicated that you were eligible to file as head of household, despite being married, please provide a letter of explanation from your tax preparer and also complete this section.

**Considered Unmarried: Eligibility Requirements (IRS Tax Publication 17)**

Please initial beside all that apply.

- You filed a separate return.
- 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. Your spouse is considered to live in your home even if he or she is temporarily absent due to special circumstances. **Please include a utility bill for both parents showing separate addresses.**
- 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.

**AND**

**Head of Household Eligibility Requirements (IRS Tax Publication 17)**

Please initial beside all that apply.

- You were married but considered "Unmarried" on December 31, 2015 (IF you initialed ALL of the previous criteria, initial here.)
- You paid more than half of the cost of keeping up your home for the 2015 tax year.
- A qualifying person lived with you in the home for more than half the year (except for temporary absences, such as school). However, if the "qualifying person" is your dependent parent, he or she does not have to live with you.

**Please note: If you incorrectly marked your FAFSA as "Head of Household," you will need to order an IRS tax transcript to verify your filing status.**

**D. Certification**

I certify that all the information reported on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that I may be required to provide additional documentation. Purposely providing false or misleading information on this worksheet may result in an investigation by the Inspector General for Student Aid Fraud.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Parent's Name (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_