

PARENT MARITAL/TAX FILING STATUS DISCREPANCY

Student's name: _____ Phone: _____

Reason for this form: The marital status you reported for your parents on your 2016-17 FAFSA is not consistent with the tax filing status reported on the FAFSA for their 2015 tax return. Listed below are the possible filing statuses based on marital status as determined by *IRS Publication 17-Tax Guide for 2015*.

If your parent(s) marital status as of December 31, 2015 was...	...then the possible tax filing statuses are:
Unmarried and both parents living together	Single, Head of Household (only one parent)
Never Married, Divorced	Single, Head of Household
Married, Remarried	Married Filing Joint, Married Filing Separate
Separated	Married Filing Joint, Married Filing Separate, Head of Household
Widowed	Qualifying Widow(er), Head of Household, Single, Married Filing Joint (in year of death)

Action necessary: Based on the chart above, take **one** of the following actions:

1. If your parent(s) marital status does not correspond to a possible tax filing status complete the **EXPLANATION** below to explain the discrepancy between marital status and tax filing status. Sign and submit this form for review. We will contact you and may require additional information and subsequent action by you.

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2. If your parent(s) marital status does correspond to a possible tax filing status compare the answers to the information reported on your 2016-17 FAFSA and make corrections to your FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov as necessary. If the correction you make resolves the issue we will cancel the requirement for this form. **If you make a correction, you do not need to return this form at this time.**

EXPLANATION: Please explain the discrepancy between the FAFSA marital status and the 2015 tax return filing status:

SECTION C: Certification

I certify that all information provided in this document is true, complete and accurate. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information I may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

Parent 1 signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent 2 signature: _____ Date: _____
(if applicable)