

MARITAL/TAX FILING STATUS DISCREPANCY

Student's name: _____ Phone: _____

Reason for this form: The marital status you reported on your 2020-21 FAFSA is not consistent with the tax filing status reported on the FAFSA for your 2018 tax return.

1. Check the status below that reflects your marital status *on the date you initially filed your 2020-21 FAFSA*. **This date can be viewed on your 2020-21 Student Aid Report (SAR) at *studentaid.gov*.**

- Married/remarried** as of ____/____/____ (Provide month/day/year of current marriage)
- Divorced and not remarried** as of ____/____/____ (Provide month/day/year of divorce)
- Separated** as of ____/____/____ (Provide month/day/year of separation)
- Widowed and not remarried** as of ____/____/____ (Provide month/day/year of spouse's death)
- Never married (single)**

2. Listed below are the possible filing statuses based on marital status as determined by *IRS Publication 17 - Tax Guide for 2018 available online at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p17.pdf>*.

If your marital status as of December 31, 2018 was...	...then the possible tax filing statuses are:
Single, 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 or 2):

1. If your marital status does not correspond to a possible tax filing status, explain the discrepancy between marital status and tax filing status on the line below, then sign and submit this form for review.

NOTE: Corrections to your FAFSA may be necessary, or we may require additional information.

- a. If you were married in 2018 and have since separated or divorced (prior to filing your FAFSA), **only your income** should be reported on the FAFSA.
- b. If marital status has changed to "married" since 2018 and prior to filing your FAFSA, **both your and your spouse's income must be reported** on the FAFSA.

⇒ Explain discrepancy between the FAFSA marital status and the 2018 tax return filing status:

- OR -

2. If your marital status or tax filing status is **incorrect** on your 2020-21 FAFSA, make a correction to your FAFSA at **studentaid.gov**. If the correction you make resolves the issue we will cancel the requirement when we receive the correction. **You do not need to return this form if you make the correction(s) to your FAFSA.**

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.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Spouse or Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

(SPOUSE signature if student is married/remarried. PARENT signature if student is dependent for federal student aid purposes.)