

**PARENT MARITAL/TAX FILING STATUS DISCREPANCY**

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Check the status below that reflects your parents' 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) online at [studentaid.gov](http://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)**
  - Unmarried and both parents living together** as of \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (Provide month/day/year of status)
- 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 parents' marital status as of Dec. 31, 2018 was...	...then the possible tax filing statuses are:
Married, Remarried	Married Filing Joint, Married Filing Separate
Never married, Divorced	Single, Head of Household
Separated	Married Filing Joint, Married Filing Separate, Head of Household
Unmarried and both parents living together	Single, Head of Household (only one parent)
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):

- If parent(s) 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. Corrections to your FAFSA may be necessary, or we may require additional information. **NOTE:**
  - If parents were married in 2018 and have since separated or divorced (prior to you filing the FAFSA), only income for the parent on the FAFSA should be reported on the FAFSA.
  - If parent marital status has changed to "married" since 2018 and prior to filing your FAFSA, both parent and (step)parent income must be reported on the FAFSA.
  - If parents are unmarried and living together, both parents income must be reported on FAFSA.

**Explain reason for difference between the FAFSA marital status and the 2018 tax return filing status:**

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- OR -

- If parent(s) marital status or tax filing status is **incorrect** on your 2020-21 FAFSA, make a correction to your FAFSA at **[studentaid.gov](http://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 correct the status on the 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of parent listed on FAFSA)