

**INDEPENDENT** 

# Marital Status Verification Worksheet 2023-2024

- The Department of Education has determined there is conflicting information regarding your marital status.
- Please indicate your status in the space provided below.
- If you are married, you must provide your spouse's income tax information only if requested and only if you haven't already done so.
- The information you provide will be used to verify, update, or correct the information provided on the FAFSA.

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Student Name	Student ID#	
Spouse Name (if applicable)		
B. Please check which of the following apply:		
I am single; never been married.		
I am married.	Date of Marriage:	
I am not married; however, my partner and I live in one household.		
I am married; however, I am separated from my spouse.	Date of Separation:	
I am divorced.	Date of Divorce:	
I am widowed.	Date of Widowed status:	

The Financial Aid Office reserves the right to request additional documentation necessary to determine your status.

#### **CERTIFICATION: Read carefully before signing**

I hereby certify that all information contained in this document, including supporting documentation is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I am found to have knowingly or intentionally given false or fraudulent statements and/or documentation, I may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

Student Signature

Date

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#### **Financial Aid Officer Evaluation:**

 $\Box$  No Further documentation is necessary.

□ Further documentation is necessary; see below.

#### I. Acceptable Documentation to Support Your Marital Separation. Submit ONE of the following:

□ Filed stamped copy of legal separation papers from the court or other filed stamped pre-divorce documents from your attorney.

Letter from a social agency (ex. Social Services Counselor) stating that they are aware of your separation and that according to their files, you are considered separated for their program;

Letter on business letterhead from a reputable third party (Religious/spiritual leader, marriage counselor, attorney, employer, landlord, etc.) who can confirm your marital separation in their professional capacity; or

□ If you are a member of the military (or a dependent of military personnel), submit a letter from the Family Services Office, Unit Chaplain, or Unit S-1 Personnel Office.

**II. Other Acceptable Documentation to Support Your Marital Separation:** Select and submit from **TWO** of the items listed below if **ONE CANNOT** be provided from Section I:

## Note: You must provide a separate copy of each item you choose, one in your name and the other in the name of your spouse.

 $\Box$  A copy of your lease/rental/mortgage documents showing that you are maintaining a separate household (*one for you and one for your spouse*);

 $\Box$  A copy of yours and your spouse's 2021/2022 federal tax return and W2's. If you filed a joint return, provide an explanation from your tax preparer as to why you continue to file a joint return;

□ Phone bill (*one for you and one for your spouse*);

□ Electric bill (one for you and one for your spouse);

□ Water bill (one for you and one for your spouse);

□ Personal property tax statement (*one for you and one for your spouse*); or

□ Insurance policy (*one for you and one for your spouse*).

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Correction Made	□ No Correction Made	Date:	FAO:	
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