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2025-2026
Parent Marital and Filing Status Clarification

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Student's Name
Student's MSU Net ID
MSU ID (9 digit)

Your 2526 FAFSA application has been identified for potentially containing conflicting information regarding your parents' Marital Status. Federal Regulations require us to resolve any conflicting information by verifying the accuracy of the data with documentation. If you feel that your 2526 FAFSA application is accurate and does not need to be corrected, please complete and return this form, including an explanation in the appropriate box. **Please note:**

We may request additional documentation if the conflict cannot be resolved based on the information provided on this form. This may include requesting verification of parent's marital status (copy of separation papers/divorce decree, etc.) and a signed statement from parent's 2023 federal tax preparer detailing IRS reasons that allowed parents to file 2023 with the tax filing status that they used.

Parent refers to your biological or adoptive parents regardless of gender. **Foster parents, legal guardians, and other relatives are not considered parents for federal financial aid purposes unless they legally adopted you.** Parent information is required on your FAFSA even if you **do not live with them** or you support yourself financially.

Instructions: Complete Section 1: Check parent marital status for parent on your 2526 FAFSA and list their name(s) and complete Section 2: For parent(s) named in Section 1, check box for parents' marital status and list date of status.

SECTION 1: List the Parents on your 25-26 FAFSA, and Parent/Stepparent Names (only check one box)

<input type="checkbox"/> Student's Biological or Adoptive parents List parent names →	Parent 1 Name: Parent 2 Name:
<input type="checkbox"/> Student's Biological or Adoptive parent AND a stepparent →	Parent Name: Stepparent Name:

SECTION 2: Parents Marital Status (on the date you completed the 2526 FAFSA)

MARRIED or REMARRIED:	Date Married/Re-Married:
<input type="checkbox"/> Parents are married & not separated <input type="checkbox"/> Parents never married but DO live together. <input type="checkbox"/> Parents never married, DON'T live together.	
SEPARATED:	Date Separated:
<input type="checkbox"/> Parents are separated but DO live together. <input type="checkbox"/> Parents are separated, DON'T live together.	
DIVORCED: Date Divorced:	Date Divorced:
<input type="checkbox"/> Parents divorced but DO live together. <input type="checkbox"/> Parents divorced, DON'T live together.	
Widowed:	Date Widowed:
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent Widowed.	

Certification Statement: SIGNATURES MUST BE HANDWRITTEN; (electronic signatures or initials will not be accepted).

By signing this form, I certify that all of the information on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Warning: Purposely giving false or misleading information may result in a fine, imprisonment, or both.

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____