



2025-2026

Parent Marital Status Clarification

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Student's Name _____

Student's MSU Net ID _____

MSU ID (9 digit) _____

We are unable to process your 2025-2026 financial aid application because it contains conflicting information regarding your parent's marital status for which we require clarification. Your **answers must be based on the parent listed on your 2526 FAFSA and that parent's CURRENT marital status. ****If that parent is SEPARATED, we require a signed statement of explanation.****

Parent Defined: (regardless of gender) refers to your biological or adoptive parents. **Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, aunts/uncles, and siblings are not considered parents for federal financial aid purposes unless they legally adopted you.**

Dependent students who do not live with their legal parents must still provide parental information with current parent marital status. **If your parent that is listed on the FAFSA has remarried, you must include information about your stepparent below.**

If your biological/adoptive parents are not together, answer questions for the parent you lived with the most in the past 12 months. If you did not live with either parent or lived with each parent an equal number of days, your parent is the one who provided the most financial support (gifts, loans, housing, food, clothing, car, money, medical/dental care, payment of college costs, etc.) in the most recent 12-month period. **You will answer the questions based on this parent's current marital status.**

Check only one box in Section 1, then check only one box in Section 2 to indicate parent marital status.

| SECTION 1: My Parent(s) <u>listed on my 2025-26 FAFSA</u> is/are: | List Name(s) Below: |
|---|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> My Biological and/or adoptive parent(s) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My Biological and/or adoptive parent and a stepparent | |

| SECTION 2: <u>Current</u> Marital Status of My Parent(s) in Section 1 | Month & Year | List Name(s) Below: |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parents are married & <u>not</u> separated. | Date Married: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parents separated but <u>live together</u> . | Date Separated: Date Reconciled: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parents separated and do <u>NOT</u> live together**. | Date Separated**: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parents divorced but <u>live together</u> . | Date Divorced: Date Reconciled: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parents divorced and <u>DON'T</u> live together. | Date Divorced: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent on FAFSA divorced, then remarried, but is <u>now separated/divorced</u> from stepparent**. | Date Separated**: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parents never married but live together. | N/A | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parents never married, <u>DON'T</u> live together. | N/A | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent widowed, <u>not</u> remarried. | Date Widowed: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent widowed, <u>has</u> remarried. | Date Remarried: | |

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 _____