



2025-2026

Parent Marital Status Clarification

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Student's Name _____

Student's MSU Net ID _____

MSU ID (9 digit) _____

We cannot process your 2025-2026 financial aid application because it contains conflicting information regarding your parent's marital status that requires verification. **Answer this form based on the parent listed on your 2526 FAFSA and that parent's CURRENT marital status.** ****Separation** is defined as legally or informally separated when one partner has left the household for an indefinite period and the marriage is severed. A signed statement of explanation is required.

Parent Defined: (regardless of gender) refers to your **biological or adoptive parents**. Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, and other relatives are not considered your 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 listed on the FAFSA has remarried, their current spouse (your stepparent) must be listed below.**

NEW RULES for parents who are not together: Answer questions for **the parent who provided more than 50% of your support during the last 12 months.** This may be different from the parent you lived with in that same period. If one parent pays child support and/or alimony to the other parent, the amount paid counts for the payer when determining which parent provided more than 50% of your financial support. **You will answer based on this parent's current marital status.**

SECTION 1: Parent(s) <u>listed on my 2025-26 FAFSA</u> is/are (check <u>one</u> box)		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: Current Marital Status of Parent in Section 1 (check <u>one</u> box)	Month & Year	List Name(s) Below:
<input type="checkbox"/> Parents are married & <u>not</u> separated.	Date Married:	
<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"/> 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"/> Remarried parent and stepparent are <u>now separated/divorced</u> **.	Date Separated/Divorced:	
<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 _____