



**2020-2021  
Marital Status Conflict  
Dependent Student**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Your parents' marital status reported on your FAFSA application in does not agree with their tax return filing status. Please fill out the information below so we can determine your parents' correct marital status. Additional documentation may be required after review.

**What was your parent(s)\* marital status as of the date the original FAFSA was signed?**

\*Indicates the parent(s) you included on your FAFSA. See the additional information attached to this form from the U. S. Department of Education in determining who you should have listed as your parent(s) on your FAFSA. If after reviewing the information you determine that you did not list the correct people, you should revise your FAFSA as quickly as possible.

Please check one:

- Married or Remarried** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (month/day/year of marriage/remarriage)
- Widowed** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (month/day/year of parent's death)
- Separated** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (month/day/year when your parents began maintaining separate residences and no longer represented themselves as married)
- Divorced** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (month/day/year of divorce)
- Unmarried & both parents live together** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (month/day/year they began living together)
- Never married**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Printed Name (If married) or  
Other Parent's Printed Name (If unmarried and living together)

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\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

## Instructions to Determine Who is Considered Your Parent(s) for the FAFSA

**These instructions are taken directly from the FAFSA as guidance for you to make sure you included information about the correct people on the FAFSA.** If, after reviewing the information, you determine that you did not list the correct people, you should revise your FAFSA as quickly as possible.

- If your parent was never married and does not live with your other legal parent, or if your parent is widowed or not remarried, answer parent questions about that parent.
- If your legal parents (biological and/or adoptive) are not married to each other and live together, select “Unmarried and both parents living together” and provide information about both of them regardless of their gender. Do not include any person who is not married to your parent and who is not a legal or biological parent. Contact 1-800-4 FED-AID for assistance if needed.
- If your parents are married, select “Married or remarried.” Consistent with the Supreme Court decision holding Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) unconstitutional, same-sex couples must report their marital status as married if they were legally married in a state or other jurisdiction (foreign country) that permits same-sex marriage, without regard to where the couple resides.
- If your legal parents are divorced but living together, select “Unmarried and both parents living together.”
- If your legal parents are separated but living together, select “Married or remarried.”
- If your parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions about the parent you lived with more during the past 12 months. If you did not live with one parent more than the other, give answers about the parent who provided more financial support during the past 12 months or during the most recent year that you actually received support from a parent. If this parent is remarried as of the date you filed the FAFSA, answer the questions about that parent and your stepparent.
- If your widowed parent is remarried as of the date you filed the FAFSA, answer the questions about that parent and your stepparent.