



## 2017-18 Parent Marital and Tax Filing Status Verification

STUDENT INFORMATION	
Student Name _____	AU Student ID _____

The Department of Education identified that your 2017-18 FAFSA has possible conflicting information regarding your parent's marital status and tax filing status. Please have your parent complete the chart below.

PARENT: What was your marital status as of the date your student completed the 2017-2018 FAFSA?	PARENT: Please indicate your tax filing status as stated on your 2015 federal tax return.
<input type="checkbox"/> Single or Unmarried <div style="text-align: center; margin-left: 150px;">➔</div>	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household <input type="checkbox"/> Other*
<input type="checkbox"/> Married or Remarried Date of Marriage: _____ <div style="text-align: center; margin-left: 150px;">➔</div>	<input type="checkbox"/> Married Filing Jointly <input type="checkbox"/> Married Filing Separately (you must report both you and your spouse's income on the FAFSA) <input type="checkbox"/> Other*
<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced or Separated Date of Divorce/Separation: _____ <div style="text-align: center; margin-left: 150px;">➔</div>	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household <input type="checkbox"/> Other*
<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed Date Widowed: _____ <div style="text-align: center; margin-left: 150px;">➔</div>	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married Filing Jointly (Additional documentation may be required) <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household <input type="checkbox"/> Qualifying Widower (By checking this box you certify you are a qualifying widower and have provided only the surviving spouse's income on the FAFSA) <input type="checkbox"/> Other*

\*Please attach a separate letter stating your tax filing status and why you were able to use that status given your marital status. It is preferred that the letter be from your tax preparer or the IRS, if available.

**If you are legally married and you (or your spouse) filed Head of Household, a tax return transcript and an amended tax return (1040X) may be required to correct your filing status with the IRS. After the 1040X is processed by the IRS, you may be requested to submit a tax account transcript to the Office of Financial Aid.**

Per **IRS publication 501**, you may be able to file as head of household if you meet **ALL** of the following requirements:

1. You are unmarried or considered unmarried on the last day of the year.
2. You paid more than half the cost of keeping up a home for the year.
3. A qualifying person lived with you in the home for more than half the year (except for temporary absences, such as school). However, if the qualifying person is your dependent parent, he or she does not have to live with you.

I hereby certify that all of the information provided on this form is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide information that will verify the accuracy of this completed form. I realize that until all requested information has been submitted, reviewed, and verified, no financial aid will be credited to my student account. **I understand that if corrections need to be made to my FAFSA, the Office of Financial Aid will make the corrections based on the verification process.** If I purposely give false or misleading information, I may be fined, sent to prison, or both. I understand that it may take the Office of Financial Aid a minimum of two weeks to process documents.

Student Signature	Date
Parent Signature	Date