Clarification of Parent’s Marital Status &/or Tax Filing Status

PTC ID ____________________________ Name __________________________________________________________

**Please complete in blue or black ink, only**

Your 2015-2016 FAFSA application has been identified by the Department of Education for potentially containing conflicting information between your Parent’s Marital Status and Tax Filing Status. Your 2015-2016 FAFSA will be updated, as needed, based on the information provided on this form.

Section 1:

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<th>What is your Parent’s Marital Status as of the date you completed the 2015-2016 FAFSA?</th>
<th>Indicate your Parent’s tax filing status as stated on your 2014 Federal Tax Return.</th>
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<td>☐ Single or Unmarried</td>
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<td>☐ Married or Re-Married</td>
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<td>☐ Married Filing Separate Return (You must report both your &amp; your Spouse’s income on FAFSA.)</td>
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<td>☐ Divorced or Separated</td>
<td>☐ Head of Household <strong>(Special circumstances only. Complete Section 2 of this form)</strong></td>
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<td>☐ Widowed</td>
<td>☐ Head of Household</td>
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*If you answered “Other” to any of the tax filing statuses above, there may be conflicting information that requires resolution. Please specify what your tax filing status was and attach a letter that explains why you were allowed to use that filing status given your marital status. Please provide a letter of explanation from your tax preparer or IRS, if available.

Section 2:

Head of Household Eligibility

Per IRS Publication 501, your parent(s) may be eligible to file Head of Household if he or she meets ALL the requirements below.

If your parents do not meet ALL requirements below or if your parents are legally married and filed Head of Household for 2014, an amended tax return (1040x) may be required to correct their filing status with the IRS. After the 1040x is processed by the IRS, please submit a tax return transcript and copy of the 1040x to the Financial Aid Office.

**Head of Household Requirements**

By checking next to each requirement, you are certifying that you meet this requirement.

- You are unmarried or considered unmarried on the last day of the year.
- You paid more than half the cost of keeping up a home for the year.
- 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 certify that all the information reported on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that I may be required to provide additional documentation. Purposely providing false or misleading information on this form may result in an investigation by the Inspector General for Student Aid Fraud.

**Electronic signatures cannot be accepted**

Student’s signature_________________________________________Date________________________________

Parent’s signature _________________________________________Date_______________________________

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