

2016-2017 Clarification of Parent's Marital Status &/or Tax Filing Status

****Please complete in black ink only****

PTC ID _____ Name _____

Your 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 FAFSA will be updated, as needed, based on the information provided on this form.

Section 1:

What is your Parent's Marital Status as of the date you completed the 2016-2017 FAFSA?	Indicate your Parent's tax filing status as stated on your 2015 Federal Tax Return.
<input type="checkbox"/> Single or Unmarried	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household <input type="checkbox"/> Other*
<input type="checkbox"/> Married or Re-Married Date of Marriage: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Married Filing Joint Return <input type="checkbox"/> Married Filing Separate Return (You must report both your & your Spouse's income on FAFSA.) <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household ** (Special circumstances only. Complete Section 2 of this form)** <input type="checkbox"/> Other*
<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced or Separated Date of Divorce/Separation: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household <input type="checkbox"/> Other*
<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed Date Widowed: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married Filing Joint <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household <input type="checkbox"/> Qualifying Widower (By checking this box you certify you are a qualifying widower & have provided only the surviving spouse's income on the FAFSA.) <input type="checkbox"/> Other*

*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 2015, 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.
<input type="checkbox"/> You are unmarried or considered unmarried on the last day of the year. <input type="checkbox"/> You paid more than half the cost of keeping up a home for the year. <input type="checkbox"/> 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 _____