

2026-27 INDEPENDENT MARITAL STATUS FORM

Student Name _____

Student ID _____

What is your current legal marital status?

If your marital status is different than the day the FAFSA was filed, additional documentation may be required.

☐ Married/Remarried (MM/YYYY) ____ / ____ ____☐ Never Married☐ Divorced (submit a copy of divorce decree)☐ Separated (complete question 2 below)☐ Widowed (MM/YYYY) ____ / ____ ____

1. If you answered **SEPARATED**, complete this section.

A. What month and year did you become separated? ____ / ____ ____

B. Attach documentation of your separation to this form. Examples of acceptable documentation:

- A copy of your divorce filing, or divorce decree if your divorce is finalized, and/or
- A copy of your lease/rental agreement, listing tenants, and/or
- A recent utility bill in your name at your address **and** a recent utility bill in your spouse's name at his/her separate address.

If you cannot provide the above documentation both of the following are REQUIRED:

1. Write a detailed letter of explanation on the reverse side of this form explaining both your current living situation and your estranged spouse's current living situation (the most recent you know of).
2. Attach a signed letter from a third party confirming your dates of separation. Letter must include their name, contact information, relationship to the student, and physical signature.

2. All students must sign and date on the reverse side of the form. Signatures must be handwritten.



Student's DETAILED explanation letter:

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Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

****SIGNATURES MUST BE HANDWRITTEN****