

# Clarification of Student's Marital Status &/or Tax Filing Status

# PTC ID \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your 2014-2015 FAFSA application has been identified by the Department of Education for potentially containing conflicting information between your Marital Status and Tax Filing Status. Your 2014-2015 FAFSA will be updated, as needed, based on the information provided on this form.

# Section 1:

What is your Marital Status as of the date you completed the 2014-2015 FAFSA?	Indicate your tax filing status as stated on your 2013 Federal Tax Return.
Single or Unmarried	<ul> <li>Single</li> <li>Head of Household</li> <li>Other*</li> </ul>
Married or Re-Married Date of Marriage:	<ul> <li>Married Filing Joint Return</li> <li>Married Filing Separate Return (You must report both your &amp; your Spouse's income on FAFSA.)</li> <li>Head of Household **(Special circumstances only. Complete Section 2 of this form)**</li> <li>Other*</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Divorced or Separated</li> <li>Date of Divorce/Separation:</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Single</li> <li>Head of Household</li> <li>Other*</li> </ul>
Widowed Date Widowed:	<ul> <li>Single</li> <li>Married Filing Joint</li> <li>Head of Household</li> <li>Qualifying Widower (By checking this box you certify you are a qualifying widower &amp; have provided only the surviving spouse's income on the FAFSA.)</li> <li>Other*</li> </ul>

\*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, you may be eligible to file Head of Household if you meet ALL the requirements below.

If you do not meet **ALL** requirements below or if you are legally married and you (or your spouse) filed Head of Household for 2013, 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.

 $\Box$  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

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