



2016-2017 Marital Status Form - Independent

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Please verify your Marital Status first, then, using the arrow to guide you to the corresponding choices, indicate your Tax Filing Status.

What is your Marital Status as of the date you completed the 2016-17 FAFSA?	What is your Tax Filing Status as stated on your 2015 Federal Tax Return?
Single or Unmarried 	Single Head of Household Other *(see A below)
Married or Re-Married Date of Marriage: _____ <i>Please note: if you are married (and not separated) you must provide your spouse's information on the FAFSA</i> 	Married Filing Joint Return Married Filing Separate Return Head of Household ** (may be ineligible filing status, see B below) Other* (See A below)
Divorced or Separated Date of Divorce or Separation: _____ 	Single Married Filing Joint Return Married Filing Separate Return Head of Household Other* (see A below)
Widowed: Date Widowed: _____ <i>If you are a widow(er) you should not include a deceased spouse on the FAFSA regardless of tax filing status.</i> 	Single Married Filing Joint Return Married Filing Separate Return Head of Household

A. If you answered **“other”** to any of the above questions, please provide a statement in the box below explaining your tax filing situation. Based on your answer additional documentation may be required.

B. If you were legally married during the 2015 calendar year *and* you filed taxes as Head of Household for 2015, **you may need to file an amended tax return (1040X)**. Please answer the following questions if you believe you should be considered “unmarried” and eligible for this tax filing status. Legally married individuals **may** be eligible to file taxes as Head of Household only if **ALL** of the following are true:

True	False	Source: http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p17.pdf Pg. 20
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	You believe that you are “unmarried” or should be considered “unmarried” for tax filing purposes
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	You filed a separate tax return from your spouse
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	You paid more than half the cost to keeping up your home for the tax year
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Your spouse did not live in your home during the last 6 months of the tax year. <i>Your spouse is considered to live in your home even if he or she is temporarily absent due to special circumstance</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Your home was the main home of your child, stepchild, or foster child for more than half the year
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	You must be able to claim an exemption for the child. However, you meet this test if you cannot claim the exemption only because the non-custodial parent can claim the child

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide further documentation to substantiate the information provided.

Student Signature

Date