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Parent Marital Status and Custodial Parent Form 2017-2018

Purpose of Form

Generally, the **Parent Marital Status and Custodial Parent Form** is requested to confirm the marital status of the student's parent(s), and in the case of divorce or separation, to determine the custodial parent for financial aid purposes.

General Instructions

SECTION 1: BIOLOGICAL/ADOPTIVE PARENT MARITAL STATUS

In **Table A**, report the marital status of your biological or adoptive parents.

- **Married, or unmarried and living together:** Your application will require the information of both of your legal (biological or adoptive) parents if they live together, regardless of their marital status. Select this status if your biological or adoptive parents live together, whether they are married or unmarried, including divorced, separated or never married. Also select this status if your parents are married and are only separated geographically, such as when one parent works in a different state or country. Finally, select this status if your parent is widowed, but has remarried.
- **Divorced, separated or never married and not living together:** Select this status if your **biological or adoptive** parents are separated (either legally or informally) or divorced from each other, or were never married, and do not live together. Do not select this status if your biological or adoptive parents reside in the same home. If your parents are divorced or separated, please indicate the date of separation at the bottom of Table A.
- **Widowed and not remarried:** Select this status if one of your biological or adoptive parents has passed away, and the surviving parent has not remarried.

If your biological/adoptive parents are married, or unmarried and living together, you do not have to determine a custodial parent—rather, you must report both parents' information on your financial aid application. However, if you reported in Table A that your biological/adoptive parents are divorced or separated AND do not live together, complete **Table B** so that our office can determine the custodial parent.

Per federal regulation, your custodial parent is defined as the parent with whom you lived most during the 12 months prior to filing your FAFSA. If you lived with both parents equally, or neither parent at all, then your custodial parent is defined as the parent who provided the most support to you during the 12 months prior to filing your FAFSA.

Since you may have to reference your FAFSA filing date in determining your custodial parent, please see your Student Aid Report (SAR) or check your FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov.

General Instructions (Continued)

SECTION 2: PARENT INFORMATION

Enter the required information about your parent(s). Please refer to the following table for assistance in determining whether one parent or two parents' information will be required on your application for financial aid:

Situation as of FAFSA Filing Date	Parental Information Required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biological/adoptive parents are married; or Biological/adoptive parents are unmarried, divorced or separated and live together 	Report both of your biological/adoptive parents' information.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biological/adoptive parent is widowed, but is married/remarried 	Report the information of your surviving parent and his or her current spouse.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Custodial parent as determined in Section 1 is unmarried 	Report only your custodial parent's information in Section 2. If you have a noncustodial parent, information about that parent may be requested at a later date.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Custodial parent as determined in Section 1 is married/remarried 	Report your custodial parent's information, as well as the information of his or her spouse (your stepparent). If you have a noncustodial parent, information about that parent may be requested at a later date.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biological/adoptive parent is widowed and the surviving parent has not married/remarried 	Report only the surviving parent's information as Parent 1.

If you have any additional information, please attach an explanation.

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Student's University ID: - or SIS ID:

Student's Full Name: _____
 (LEGAL NAME - PRINT) first middle last

SECTION 1: BIOLOGICAL/ADOPTIVE PARENT MARITAL STATUS

Table A			
Biological or adoptive parent(s)' marital status (choose one):	Married, or unmarried <u>and</u> living together (Select this status if your parents live together, regardless of their marital status—see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/>	If checked, skip to Section 2 (page 4) and enter both parents' information.
	Divorced, separated or never married <u>and</u> not living together (If divorced or separated, you must provide date below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	If checked, complete Table B (below) to determine which your custodial parent.
	Widowed and not remarried (do not select if your parent is widowed and has remarried—instead, select 'Married' above)	<input type="checkbox"/>	If checked, go to Section 2 (page 4) and enter only your surviving parent's information.
If applicable, when were your parents divorced or separated (MM/DD/YYYY)?			

Table B			
On what date did you originally file your 2017-2018 FAFSA (MM/DD/YYYY)?			
With whom did you live more during the 12 months prior to the date that you filed your 2017-2018 FAFSA (name/relationship)?			
If you can answer the above question, this is your custodial parent. You may skip <u>only</u> the next question. If you cannot answer the above question because you lived with both parents equally, including not living with either parent, write 'neither' and answer the next question.			
Which parent provided the most financial support during the 12 months prior to the date that you filed the 2017-2018 FAFSA (name/relationship)?			
If you wrote 'neither' to the first question, then the parent in the second question is your custodial parent. The questions below pertain to your custodial parent.			
Has your custodial parent married/ remarried?	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	If no, enter only your parent's information as Parent 1 in Section 2
	Yes, and they are currently married	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enter your stepparent as Parent 2 in Section 2. What is the date of (re)marriage to your stepparent (MM/DD/YYYY):
	Yes, but they have since separated or divorced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enter only your parent's information as Parent 1 in Section 2. What is the date your custodial parent and stepparent separated or divorced (MM/DD/YYYY)?

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SECTION 2: PARENT INFORMATION

Parent 1	
Relation to Student (Father, Stepfather, Mother, Stepmother)	
Full Name (First, Middle, Last)	
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	
Permanent Address (Country, Street, City, Postal Code)	

Parent 2 (In the case of remarriage, Parent 2 is your stepfather/stepmother)	
Relation to Student (Father, Stepfather, Mother, Stepmother)	
Full Name (First, Middle, Last)	
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	
Permanent Address (Country, Street, City, Postal Code)	

If you have any additional information, please attach an explanation.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: I certify that all the information reported to qualify for federal aid is complete and correct to my knowledge. If additional documentation is required, I will submit those documents in a timely manner. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information, I may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both and my financial aid may be terminated.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

CUSTODIAL PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

IMPORTANT: ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETE BEFORE SUBMISSION.
INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES.