

MSCP

**Parent Marital Status and Custodial Parent Form
2021-2022**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.
- **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, even if sleeping in separate rooms. If your parents are divorced or separated, please indicate the date of separation.
- **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.
- **Widowed and remarried:** Select this status if one of your biological or adoptive parents has passed away, and the surviving parent has 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 regulations, your custodial parent is defined as the parent with whom you lived most during the 12 months prior to filing your 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 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 <i>and live together</i> 	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 additional information you'd like to share, please attach an explanation.



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Student's University ID: - or SIS ID:

SECTION 2: PARENT INFORMATION

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

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

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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.**