

2025-2026 Student Marital - Tax Filing Mismatch

Instructions

The U.S. Department of Education has indicated that your 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may contain conflicting information with regard to your current marital status and your 2023 federal tax filing status. Please review the table below. **You must check one item in each column.**

Section I: Student Information

Student Name: _____ UNF ID#: N _____

Section II: Student Marital - Tax Filing Mismatch Clarification

Please indicate your Marital Status as of the date the original 2025-2026 FAFSA was completed. Please select only one option below.	Please indicate your Tax Filing Status as reported on your 2023 Federal Income Tax Return. Please select only one option below.
Single or Unmarried	Single
Married or Re-Married	Married Filing Jointly
Date of Marriage/Re-Marriage: _____ / _____ Month Year	Married Filing Separately
Divorced	Head of Household
Date of Divorce: _____ / _____ Month Year	*Please note: If you indicated Married or Re-Married and filed taxes as Head of Household, you must also complete sections IV and V on page 2.
Separated	Qualifying Widower
Date of Separation: _____ / _____ Month Year	I did not file a 2023 tax return
Widowed	
Date Widowed: _____ / _____ Month Year	

Please check this box if your FAFSA was originally completed with the wrong tax filing status. You will need to make a correction to the FAFSA to reflect the correct 2023 tax filing status before we are able to continue processing aid for 2025-2026.

Section III: Original or DocuSign Signature(s) Required

By signing below, you and your spouse (if applicable) certify that all the information reported on this form and any attached documents is accurate and true. You acknowledge that it is your responsibility to monitor your financial aid for any updates or additional requests for documentation or clarification and respond in a timely manner. Warning: If you purposefully give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sentenced to jail or both.

Student Signature

Date Signed

Spouse Signature (if applicable)

Date Signed

Upload completed documents via
Financial Aid Document Upload:
Clarification Documents

Or via myWings (Student Portal): Student
Resources > Banner Self Service
> Financial Aid > Financial Aid Document
Upload > Clarification Documents

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PLEASE NOTE: SECTIONS IV AND V SHOULD ONLY BE COMPLETED IF YOU ANSWERED MARRIED/RE-MARRIED AND YOUR FEDERAL TAX RETURN FILING STATUS FOR 2023 WAS HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD.

Section IV: Head of Household Eligibility

If you were eligible to file as head of household (despite being married), complete this section. Please initial each of the requirements below, if applicable to your tax filing circumstances.

Head of Household Eligibility Requirements

By initialing next to each requirement, you are certifying that you meet this requirement. For more information, please see IRS Publication 17.

Please note, all three of these requirements must be met in order to file as Head of Household.

____ Were married but were considered "unmarried" as of December 31, 2023 **(Please explain in Section V)**. The Head of Household filing status is for unmarried individuals who provide a home for certain other persons. Per the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), a person is considered unmarried for this purpose if any of the following apply:

- Were legally separated according to your state law under a decree of divorce or separate maintenance at the end of 2023. But if, at the end of 2023 the divorce was not final (an interlocutory decree), they are considered married.
- Were married, but lived apart from their spouse for the entire last 6 months of 2023 and meet the other rules under married persons who live apart.
- Were married to a nonresident alien at any time during the year and did not choose to treat him or her as a resident alien.

____ Paid more than half the cost to run a home in 2023 (rent, mortgage, utilities, etc.).

____ Supported a qualifying person for at least half of 2023. A qualifying person is a child, parent or relative who meets certain conditions that enable you to qualify for Head of Household.

Important: If it is determined that you are legally married and incorrectly filed your taxes as Head of Household for 2023, you will need to file an Amended Federal Income Tax Return (1040X) for the 2023 tax year reflecting the correct tax filing status. Once completed, the FAFSA form will need to be updated accordingly to reflect the 2023 Amended Federal Income Tax Return.

Section V: Personal Statement

Explain in detail why you were allowed to file using the Head of Household status given your marital status. In addition, if available, please provide IRS supporting documentation or a letter of explanation from your tax preparer.

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