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**Parent Marital Status and Custodial Parent Form  
2023-2024**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 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 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](http://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"> <li>Biological/adoptive parents are married; or</li> <li>Biological/adoptive parents are unmarried, divorced or separated <i>and live together</i></li> </ul>	Report both of your biological/adoptive parents' information.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biological/adoptive parent is widowed, but is married/remarried</li> </ul>	Report the information of your surviving parent and his or her current spouse.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Custodial parent as determined in Section 1 is unmarried</li> </ul>	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"> <li>Custodial parent as determined in Section 1 is married/remarried</li> </ul>	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"> <li>Biological/adoptive parent is widowed and the surviving parent has not married/remarried</li> </ul>	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:

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 (check the relevant status):	<b>Married or unmarried <u>AND</u> living together</b> (If your biological parents live together, select this status regardless of their marital status)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>If checked, skip to Section 2 (page 4) and enter both parents' information.</b>
	<b>Divorced, separated, or never married <u>AND</u> not living together</b>  <b>On what date were your biological or adoptive parents divorced or separated (MM/DD/YYYY)?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>If checked, complete Table B (below) to determine your custodial parent.</b>  ____/____/____
	<b>Widowed and not remarried</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>If checked, go to Section 2 (page 4) and enter only your surviving parent's information.</b>
	<b>Widowed and remarried</b>  <b>On what date was your parent remarried (MM/DD/YYYY)?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>If checked, go to Section 2 (page 4) and enter your surviving parent's and step-parent's information.</b>  ____/____/____

Table B			
For the 12 months prior to the date you filed the FAFSA, estimate the number of days you spent with each parent. The parent you lived with most during this time is your custodial parent for financial aid purposes. If you lived equally with both parents, your custodial parent is the parent who provided the most financial support during this period.		Name _____ # of Days _____	
		Name _____ # of Days _____	
Which parent provided the most financial support during the 12 months prior to the date that you filed the 2023-2024 FAFSA (name/relationship)?			
Has your custodial parent, as determined above, married/remarried?	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	If no, enter only your custodial 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. On what date did your custodial parent and stepparent <b>separate or divorce</b> ? (MM/DD/YYYY): ____/____/____



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SECTION 2: PARENT INFORMATION

Parent 1 form with fields: Relationship to Student, Full Name, Date of Birth, Permanent Address

Parent 2 (In the case of remarriage, Parent 2 is your stepfather/stepmother) form with fields: Relationship to Student, Full Name, Date of Birth, Permanent Address

If you have additional information you'd like to share, 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 face legal consequences 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.