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Student ID (E Number) Last Name First Name

2025-2026 PARENTS' MARITAL STATUS & TAX FILING STATUS

Failure to complete this form will delay the processing of your aid.

The parents' reported 2023 tax filing status is inconsistent with the parents' reported FAFSA marital status. Although the reported tax filing status may accurately reflect the parent tax filing status for the 2023 tax return, we are required to verify this information.

According to the IRS, a tax payer must use a tax filing status of married filing jointly or married filing separately if they are married or considered married on December 31, 2023. If you were "unmarried" or "considered unmarried" on December 31, 2023, your tax filing status is single, or if you have a qualifying dependent you may file as head of household.

Note: Unmarried parents living together must provide **BOTH 2023** tax return transcripts.

Additional documentation or corrections to the FAFSA may be required to resolve these discrepancies. Please verify the following information.

1. As of the date the FAFSA was completed, what was the parent(s) marital status? *(Note: this is the household of the parent listed on the FAFSA in cases where the biological parents are not married. For example, if mom is married to step-dad, but divorced from biological dad, indicate "married" and update the FAFSA with step-dad's information)*

   Never Married
   Unmarried and Both Parents Living Together
   Married or Remarried (Date of Marriage: _____)
   Divorced or Separated (Date of Divorce or Separation: _____)
   Widowed

2. For the 2023 tax year, what was the parents' (the parent listed on the FAFSA in cases where biological parents are not married) Tax Filing Status?

   Single
   Head of Household
   Married - Filed Joint Return
   Married - Filed Separate Return
   Qualifying Widow/er
   Don't Know

3. If your marital status does not match your 2023 tax filing status, explain why:

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.
REQUIRED PARENT SIGNATURES: By signing this worksheet, I (we) certify that all the information reported to qualify for Federal Student Aid is complete and correct. If married, spouse signature is required.

PARENT SIGNATURE DATE

PARENT SPOUSE SIGNATURE *(if applicable)* DATE

Complete and sign this form, then submit it to our office in person (Student Services Building East Wing), via email at **finaidverification@eiu.edu** or by fax at 217-581-6422.

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