

STUDENT LAST NAME:	STUDENT FIRST NAME:	AU ID#:
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Independent Student: Marital Status

Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) indicates that there is a discrepancy in your marital status OR the status originally reported on the FAFSA has been changed. In order to resolve this discrepancy, please read and complete this form. Additional information may be required.

Section A – Current Marital Status:

Note: Independent students, please mark below your most current marital status.

If you are:	Then:
<input type="checkbox"/> Married/Remarried	Enter date of marriage: Month _____ Year _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced (not remarried)	Please attach a copy of the final court ordered divorce decree. Enter date of divorce: Month _____ Year _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Separated (with no intent to reconcile)	<i>Please see section B: Separation Documents</i> Enter date of separation: Month _____ Year _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	Please attach a copy of the death certificate
<input type="checkbox"/> Single	Please attach a signed statement explaining the discrepancy in the marital status.

*******Complete the reverse side if the response to the current marital status is SEPARATED. IF NOT, please sign, date this page and provide documentation requested.*******

Certification and Signatures

Each person signing this worksheet certifies that all of the information on it is complete and correct. Electronic corrections to your FAFSA may be made by our office if there are discrepancies between the information on this form and the data you filed on your FAFSA. The student must sign and date this form.

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.	STUDENT SIGNATURE:	DATE:
	SPOUSE'S SIGNATURE (OPTIONAL):	DATE:

Section B: Separation Documentation

This section is only if the response to the current student's marital status is SEPARATED in Section A of this form.

Marital separation is defined as: **(a)** one of the partners has left the household for an indefinite period; **AND (b)** the marriage is permanently severed. If your circumstance does not meet **BOTH** parts of this definition, then you are required to submit your spouse's information. In order for us to verify the status of separation, please provide **all** of the following items:

- PROOF OF SEPARATE RESIDENCES:** Provide proof that the student and spouse live at separate residences, as of the date of separation, by submitting copies of: a lease/contract agreements showing each spouse is maintaining a different residence OR separate utility bills such as water/electric/gas. Hand written letters will not be accepted. **Note: P.O. Boxes do not qualify as proof of separate residences.**

- TAX RETURN(S) AND W2's:** Submit the **2017** Federal Income Tax Return(s) and **2017** W2's for both the student and spouse. (Be sure to include all 1099-Rs and schedules – if applicable)

- REFERENCE LETTERS:** Please attach two letters from reputable and impartial third party sources who can endorse confirmation of the separation claim. For example, clergy person, marriage counselor, and/or an attorney can provide such a letter. The letters should state the date of separation, living arrangements, length of time they have known student and their knowledge of these events. Please make sure it is legible and includes the person's full printed name, address, contact information and their signature.

Documentation submitted must be reviewed and approved before financial aid will be awarded. Submission of the requested documentation does not guarantee approval.

Attach all supporting documents to this form and submit to:

Adelphi University
Office of Student Financial Services
1 South Avenue
Levermore Hall, Lower Level - Room 1
Garden City, NY 11530

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