Missouri State University-West Plains

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| 2023-2024 Parent Marital/Tax Filing Status |

Complete form in blue or black ink.

Name: (Last) (First) (M.I.) Bear Pass #

The parents’ marital status you reported on the 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), does not appear to agree with the parents’ tax return filing status or you changed your parent marital status. **NOTE: This does not mean your FAFSA is incorrect**; however, if one of these items is incorrect, you need to make a correction. If the information you reported is correct, make sure the income information reported correctly reflects your parents’ 2021 income. **Your Parents’ marital status should be as it was on the day you completed your FAFSA**.

FAFSA guidance to determine who is considered a parent. Review A – E, circle the **one** that applied to your parent on the day you completed the 2023-2024 FAFSA:

1. If your parent was never married and does not live with your other legal parent, or if your parent is widowed and not remarried, answer the questions about that parent.
2. If your legal parents (biological, adoptive, or as determined by the state [for example, if the parent is listed on the birth certificate]) are not married to each other and **live together**, select “Unmarried and both legal parents living together” and provide information about both of them regardless of their gender. **Do not** include any person who is not married to your parent and who is not a legal or biological parent.
3. If your legal parents are married, select “Married or remarried.” If your legal parents are divorced but living together, select “Unmarried and both legal parents living together.” If your legal parents are separated but living together, select “Married or remarried,” not “divorced or separated.” **Answer questions about both parents.**
4. If your parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions about the parent you lived with more during the past 12 months (if you did not live with one parent more than the other, give answers about the parent who provided more financial support during the past 12 months or during the most recent year that you actually received support from a parent). **If this parent is remarried as of the day you complete the FAFSA, answer the questions about that parent and your stepparent.**
5. If your widowed parent is remarried as of, the day you complete the FAFSA, answer the questions about the parent and your stepparent.

**Please check the box that applies**:

After reviewing the FAFSA guidance to determine who is considered a parent I have determined (select one):

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Parent marital status and/or tax status was originally entered incorrectly. I will correct my FAFSA. **An explanation of the error and change is included on the back of this form. Include in your statement whose income was included on the FAFSA and**

**the date the correction was made. Form will not be processed with a statement.**

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My FAFSA is correct.

Parent marital status **on day the FAFSA was complete (circle one)**:

Never married, Married or remarried, Divorced or separated, Widowed **or** Unmarried and both legal parents living together

Date of marital status circled above: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s)/stepparent whose information/income is included on the FAFSA:

1)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2021 tax filing status (circle one):

Single married filing joint married filing separately Head of Household Qualifying Widower

2)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2021 tax filing status (circle one):

Single married filing joint married filing separately Head of Household Qualifying Widower

If you need to include additional information/explanation, please include this on the back of this form.

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Student signature Date

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Parent signature Date

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