## 2020-21 Verification of 2018 Tax Filing Status - Parent

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The parent tax filing status provided on your FAFSA does not match the tax filing status from your parents’ IRS tax return. To verify your eligibility for financial aid, additional information or clarification of your parents’ marital status is required. **Within 14 business days**, please complete and submit this form and the required documentation to the Office of Student Financial Aid.

**Required tax filing** status information can be located on the IRS website at [https://www.irs.gov/help/ita/what-is-my-filing-status](https://www.irs.gov/help/ita/what-is-my-filing-status)

**Instructions**

1. **Enter your parents’ 2018 Federal Tax Filing Status:** __________________________
2. Check the box below that is next to the description that applies to your parents.
3. Return this form with the required documentation to the Office of Student Financial Aid.

### My parents are currently married and they are not separated.

IRS regulations require the filing status ‘Married Filing Jointly’ or ‘Married Filing Separately’ for individuals who are married at the conclusion of the 2018 tax year.

**ATTACH**

A signed copy of your parents’ IRS Form 1040X (amended return) that shows their corrected tax filing status. If each parent filed ‘Married Filing Separately,’ please also attach a copy of each parent’s amended tax return.

### My parents are currently married, but they were separated for the last six months of the 2018 tax year.

IRS regulations allow an individual who is married to be considered unmarried and use filing status of ‘Head of Household’ when the person did not live in the same home as their spouse for the last six months of the 2018 tax year, paid more than ½ the cost of keeping up the home for the year, and had a qualifying person living in the house for more than ½ the year.

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Documentation of the separate addresses of both parents. Documentation examples: A copy of parents’ pending divorce decision, copies of home utility bills, or apartment rental agreements.

**REQUIRED SIGNATURES:** I/we certify that all information reported on this form is complete and correct. I/we understand that changes in my FAFSA financial information based on the documentation provided may result in a change in financial aid eligibility.

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Print your name and student ID number on all documents - Return this form with all documents attached to: **OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID** • The Welcome Center • P. O. Box 2340 • 42 West Warren • Detroit, MI 48202-0340

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