Marital Status Verification Form (Dependent) 2027-2028

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DeKalb, IL 60115

NIU Student Information:

For scanning purposes, use black or blue ink to complete this form

Name _____ _____ ____ Z-ID _____
Last First MI

Read definitions before completing form.

FAFSA parent: If legal parents were never married, are divorced or separated, or a parent is deceased, the FAFSA parent is the parent who provided more financial support during the past 12 months or the most recent year you received support or lived with a parent. That parent must be included on the FAFSA. NOTE: *If that parent is currently married, the parent's spouse/student's stepparent must be included on the FAFSA. Income and assets must be reported for the FAFSA parent and spouse.*

Head of Household: In addition to other criteria, to qualify for head of household tax filing status, an individual must be unmarried or considered unmarried. To be considered unmarried an individual must have paid more than half the cost to keep up the home and his/her spouse did not live in that home for the last 6 months of the tax year. A FAFSA parent with a marital status of married or separated and a head of household tax filing status may be required to verify a separate address for spouse.

1. Please indicate the first parent who is listed on the FAFSA: _____

2. What is the current legal marital status of the parent/stepparent indicated in question 1?

- ☐ Never Married
- ☐ Married or remarried
  - Full name of current spouse _____
  - Date of marriage _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)
- ☐ Divorced and not living together
  - Full name of former spouse _____
  - Date of divorce _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)
- ☐ Separated and not living together
  - Full name of former spouse _____
  - Date of separation _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)
- ☐ Widowed
  - Full name of deceased spouse _____
  - Date of death _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)
- ☐ Unmarried and both legal parents living together
  - Full name of other legal parent _____

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3. List each the current address of each parent(s)'/stepparent's included in question 2 regardless of marital status:
(PO Boxes are not acceptable)

   Parent 1 Name: _____

   Address: _____

   Parent 2/Stepparent Name: _____

   Address: _____

4. What tax filing status did Parent 1 use to file a 2025 Federal Tax Return? (select one)

- ☐ Married filing jointly
- ☐ Married filing separately
- ☐ Qualifying Widow(er)
- ☐ Head of Household
- ☐ Single
- ☐ Did not file a 2025 federal income tax return

5. What tax filing status did Parent 2/stepparent use to file a 2025 Federal Tax Return?(select one)

- ☐ Married filing jointly
- ☐ Married filing separately
- ☐ Qualifying Widow(er)
- ☐ Head of Household
- ☐ Single
- ☐ Did not file a 2025 federal income tax return
- ☐ Not applicable

Please note: Depending on your responses we may be required to collect additional documentation.

Required Signatures: *(Please print this form and then sign.)* My signature certifies that all the information on this form is true, complete and accurate, and may be used to update the FAFSA.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Note: Electronic signatures will not be accepted.

Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.