Marital Status Verification Form (Independent) 2027-2028

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Financial Aid and Scholarship Office
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Submit to:
Financial Aid and Scholarship Office
Swen Parson Hall 245
DeKalb, IL 60115

NIU Student Information:

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

Name_____ _____ _____ Z-ID_____
Last First MI

1. What is your current marital status? (check one)

☐ Never Married
☐ Married or remarried
☐ Divorced and not living together
☐ Separated and not living together
☐ Widowed

   a. If you answered married, list the full name of current spouse: _____

   b. Date of marriage _____/_____/_____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

   c. If you answered separated, divorced, or widowed, please provide the date:

   Date of separation/divorce/death _____/_____/_____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

2. What is your current address? _____

3. If you answered separated or divorced, what is your former spouse's full name and current address?_____

4. What tax filing status did you 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 your spouse (if currently married) 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

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If you were married to your spouse in 2025 and filed Head of Household complete this section.

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 must not have lived in that home for the last 6 months of the 2025 tax year.

Documentation to verify that your spouse did not reside with you during the last 6 months of 2025: provide one document for you and one for your spouse that includes name and address. Addresses must be different. Check the box of the document you will be attaching.

- ☐ Mortgage or Rental Agreement dated between July 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025
- ☐ Utility or Cell Phone Bills dated between July 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025
- ☐ Copies of State IDs issued in last year
- ☐ Copies of Tax Return Transcript or W-2s
- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Address of spouse is unknown and spouse cannot be reached. Attach explanation.

If your marital status and tax filing status appear to conflict, explain below.

Example: marital status is married, tax filing status is single because student was single in 2025 and married prior to completing the 2027-2028 FAFSA.

Comments:_____

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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

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.

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