

# 2026-2027 Verification of Parent Marital Status

(VPMOD)



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student M# \_\_\_\_\_

## TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENT:

To comply with federal regulations, MTSU is required to verify information reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). We have received conflicting information regarding your marital status. There are inconsistencies between your marital status, the tax filing status and/or other available documentation/resources. The Department of Education flagged your FAFSA and has indicated that the IRS Federal Direct Data Exchange previously used is no longer valid. Please complete the questions below to confirm your marital status.

**Federal regulations require that institutions verify the accuracy of this data and resolve any conflicting information.**

Complete and submit this form to verify your marital status and marital status date. Additional clarification and/or documentation may be required to resolve the potentially conflicting information.

**NOTE:** The requested marital status / marital status date is not specifically requesting the marital status of you and your child's parent. It is requesting your current marital status on the date that you signed the FAFSA. Our past experience indicates this question can be confusing to parents, causing them to answer incorrectly in error.

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Carefully read the options below and choose the answer that best describes your marital status on the day the student completed the initial 2026-2027 FAFSA.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Married: If married, please complete the section below:</b>  |
| Spouse's Name: _____   |
| Marriage Date: _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Separated. If separated, please complete the section below and provide documentation of separation:</b>  |
| Spouse's Name: _____   |
| Separation Date: _____   |
| Spouse's address as of the date the student completed the 2026-2027 FAFSA: _____   |
| <b>Documentation of separation <u>MUST</u> be submitted.</b> The verification process <b><u>cannot</u></b> proceed until you have provided the required proof of separation. You must either submit court documentation as proof of a legal separation <b>OR</b> document your two separate addresses as detailed below.   |
| Is this a legal separation?<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes - Submit the legal separation document from the court</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>No – Submit documentation of <u>each of your two separate addresses</u>.</b> You must submit a copy of a lease agreement or mortgage statement <b>and</b> a copy of a gas or electric bill <b>as of the date the FAFSA was signed</b> . If this is not available, submit a <b>signed</b> third-party letter from a minister, counselor, attorney, etc. ( <b>on letterhead</b> ) confirming the separation date. A typed signature on the third-party letter is not acceptable. |
| Is your spouse the student's legal or adoptive parent? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unmarried and both parents living together. If unmarried and both living together, please complete the section below:</b>                             |                      |
| Other Parent's Name: _____  |                      |
| Is the other parent the student's legal or adoptive parent? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  |                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Divorced. If divorced, please complete the section below and provide the requested documentation.</b>   |                      |
| Ex-Spouse's Name: _____   |                      |
| Divorce Date: _____<br><b>Submit a copy of the first and last page of your final divorce decree along with a copy of the parenting plan as applicable.</b>                        |                      |
| Is your ex-spouse the student's legal or adoptive parent? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  |                      |
| Ex-spouse's address as of the date the student completed the 2026-2027 FAFSA: _____   |                      |
| Prior to the divorce being finalized, did you and your ex-spouse maintain separate residences?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes Separation Date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No |                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Widowed. If widowed, please complete the section below:</b>   |                      |
| Spouse's Date of Death: _____   | Spouse's Name: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Never Married. By checking this box, I am confirming that <u>I have never been married to anyone.</u></b>   |                      |

### Required Signatures:

By signing below, I/we verify that all information reported on this form is complete and correct. We understand that additional information may be requested by the MTSU Financial Aid Office and failure to provide information will cause processing delays.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required)

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required)

**I understand that if I knowingly and willingly provide false or misleading information or documentation to obtain federal aid, MTSU is required {Per 34 CFR 668.16 (g) (1)} to report the suspected fraud to the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Education for investigation. Suspicion of fraud may require me to repay federal and/or state aid already received or make me ineligible from receiving federal and/or state aid for the aid year.**

**Mail or fax this form to:**

**MT One Stop, 1301 E. Main St, SSAC 260, Murfreesboro, TN 37132**

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