



# THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE SOUTHERN

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## 2021-2022 Verification of Parent Marital Status

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student ID** \_\_\_\_\_

### **TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENT:**

To comply with federal regulations, UTS 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 The Department of Education flagged your FAFSA and has indicated that the IRS Data Retrieval Tool previously used is no longer valid.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:** \_\_\_\_\_



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

Choose the answer that best describes your marital status on the day the student completed the initial 2021-2022 FAFSA.

<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:</b>
Spouse's Name: _____
Separation Date: _____
Spouse's address as of the date the student completed the 2021-2022 FAFSA. _____
Is this a legal separation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - submit the legal separation document from the court <input type="checkbox"/> No - submit documentation of your two separate addresses (copy of the lease agreement or mortgage statement required) as of the date the FAFSA was signed
Is your spouse the student's legal or adoptive parent? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<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:</b>
Ex-Spouse's Name: _____
Divorce Date: _____ You must submit a copy of the first and last page of your final divorce decree.
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 2021-2022 FAFSA. _____
Prior to the divorce being finalized, did you and your ex-spouse maintain separate residences? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Separation Date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No
Of the 365 days prior to completing the 2021-2022 FAFSA: _____



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What percentage of time did the student live with you? _____ % What percentage of time did the student live with your ex-spouse? _____ %
<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>Single/Never Married. By checking this box, I am confirming that I have never been married to anyone.</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 UTS Financial Aid Office and failure to provide information will cause processing delays.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Required)

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Required)

**Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information and/or fraudulently sign this form, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.**

**Mail or fax this form to:**

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