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## 2023-2024 Verification of PARENT Marital and/or Tax Filing Status

Please *Type* or *Print* clearly in **BLUE** or **BLACK** ink

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

Your 2023-2024 FAFSA application has been identified by the U.S. Department of Education for potentially containing conflicting information between your parent’s Marital Status and Tax Filing Status. Federal Regulations require that institutions verify the accuracy of this data and to resolve any conflicting information.

*According to the IRS, a tax payer must use a tax filing status of married filing jointly or married filing separately if they are married or considered married on December 31, 2021. If you were “unmarried” or “considered unmarried” on December 31, 2021, the tax filing status is single, or if you have a qualifying dependent you may file as head of household.*

### SECTION I – Verification of Parent’s Marital Status & Tax Filing Status (To Be Completed by Parent)

**Please Note:**

- ❖ The Southern Crescent Office of Financial Aid cannot proceed with processing and packaging the student award until all required financial aid documents are submitted and conflicting information is resolved.
- ❖ Based on the information provided on this form, the Office of Financial Aid will update the student’s 2023-2024 FAFSA accordingly.

What is your Marital Status as of the date you completed the 2023-2024 FAFSA	Please indicate your tax filing status as reported on your 2021 Federal Tax Return
<input type="checkbox"/> Single or Unmarried	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Head of House Hold
<input type="checkbox"/> Married or Re-Married Date of Marriage/Re-Marriage: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Married Filing Jointly <input type="checkbox"/> Married Filing Separate Return <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household (Complete section #II)
<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced or Separated Date of Divorce/Separation: __	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household
<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed Date Widowed: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married Filing Jointly <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household <input type="checkbox"/> Qualifying Widower

**SECTION II – Head of Household Eligibility** *(to be completed by parent)*

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If you are legally married and filed your taxes as Head of Household for 2021, you may need to file an amended tax return (1040X) reflecting the correct filing status. If your tax professional indicated that you were eligible to file as head of household (despite being married); please continue to complete this form. Initial each of the following requirements below, only if the requirement is applicable to your tax filing circumstances.

<b>Head of Household Eligibility Requirements</b>	
<i>You may be eligible to file Head of Household if you meet the requirements below. By initialing next to each requirement you are certifying that you meet this requirement. (For more information, see IRS Publication 17)</i>	
___	You were Married but considered “Unmarried” on December 31, 2021 <i>(Please explain in Section III)</i>
___	You paid more than half the cost to keeping up your home for the tax year.
___	A qualifying person lived with you in the home for more than half the year. If dependent parent, he/she does not have to live with you.

**SECTION III – Personal Statement** *(to be completed by parent)*

*Explain in detail why you were allowed to use that filing status given your marital status. In addition, if available, please provide a letter of explanation from your tax preparer or the IRS.*

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**Certification and Signature**

Each person signing below certifies that all information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct.

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

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Student’s Signature

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date