



## Feather River College – Financial Aid Office

### 2016-2017 Verification of Student’s Marital and/or Tax Filing Status

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

Your 2016-2017 FAFSA application has been identified by the U.S. Department of Education for potentially containing conflicting information between your Marital Status and Tax Filing Status.

If necessary, logon to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and make the proper corrections to your marital status and tax filing status. Please complete both sides of this form and return it to the Financial Aid Office **only** if you feel that the FAFSA application is accurate and does not need to be corrected. Federal Regulations require that institutions verify the accuracy of this data and to resolve any conflicting information.

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

***Please Note:***

- ◆ The Financial Aid Office at Feather River College (FRC) cannot proceed with processing and packaging your award until all required financial aid documents are submitted and conflicting information is resolved.
- ◆ Based on the information provided on this form, the Financial Aid Office will update your 2016-2017 FAFSA accordingly.

What is your Marital Status as of the date you completed the 2015-2016 FAFSA	Please indicate your tax filing status as reported on your 2015 Federal Tax Return.
<input type="checkbox"/> Single or Unmarried	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household <input type="checkbox"/> Other*
<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 <i>(both your and your spouse’s income must be reported on the FAFSA)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household <i>(special circumstances only. If checked, continue on reverse)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Other*
<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced or Separated  Date of Divorce/Separation: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household <input type="checkbox"/> Other*
<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed  Date Widowed: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married Filing Jointly <i>(additional documents may be required)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Head of Household <input type="checkbox"/> Qualifying Widower <i>(by checking this box you certify you are a qualifying widower and have provided only the surviving spouse’s income on the FAFSA)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Other*

***\*If you checked “other” for any of the tax filing statuses above, there may be conflicting information that requires resolution. Please specify what your tax filing status was for 2015 and Complete Section III to explain 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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### **SECTION II – Head of Household Eligibility (To Be Completed by Student)**

If you are legally married and filed your taxes as Head of Household for 2015, you may need to file an amended tax return (form 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.

**ONLY COMPLETE SECTION B IF YOU ARE LEGALLY MARRIED AND FILED A 1040 OR 1040A AS HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD.**

<b>Considered Unmarried: Eligibility Requirements</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> You filed a separate return. <input type="checkbox"/> You paid more than half the cost of keeping up your home for the tax year. <input type="checkbox"/> Your spouse did not live in your home during the last 6 months of the tax year. Your spouse is considered to live in your home even if he or she is temporarily absent due to special circumstances. <input type="checkbox"/> Your home was the main home of your child, stepchild, or foster child for more than half the year. <input type="checkbox"/> You must be able to claim an exemption for the child. However, you meet this test if you cannot claim the exemption only because the non-custodial parent can claim the child.
<b>Head of Household Eligibility Requirements</b>
<p><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></p> <input type="checkbox"/> You were Married but considered “Unmarried” on December 31, 2015 (If you initialed ALL of the previous criteria initial here) <input type="checkbox"/> You paid more than half the cost to keeping up your home for the tax year. <input type="checkbox"/> A qualifying person lived with you in the home for more than half the year (except for temporary absences, such as school). However, if the qualifying person is your dependent parent, he or she does not have to live with you.

### **SECTION III – Personal Statement**

*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 (attach additional paper if needed).*

### **STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION**

*By signing this worksheet I hereby certify that all the information reported to qualify for student financial aid is true and accurate. Purposely providing false or misleading information may result in an investigation by the Office of Inspector General. I understand that if this form is incomplete my financial aid will be delayed.*

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS WORKSHEET MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED TO BE VALID. ELECTRONIC AND/OR DIGITAL SIGNATURES ARE NOT VALID**