

## 2024-2025 Proof of Separation

According to your 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you (or your parent) indicated your/their marital status was "separated/divorced". Before your eligibility for federal and state financial assistance can be determined, this form must be completed and returned with all required documents. *If adequate supporting documentation is not submitted, you will be required to provide your spouse's information.* 

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Student's M.I.	Student's Social Security Number

Student's Address (include City, State and Zip

Student's Phone Number

### <u>STEP ONE</u>: Complete the following information about your marriage.

This form is submitted to document the separation of the: 
□ Student /Student's Spouse 
□ Father/Mother\*

\*If this form is submitted for a dependent student, which parent did the student live with more during the last twelve (12) months, or, if the student did not live with either parent, which parent provided more financial support during the last twelve (12) months? □ Father □ Mother

#### This is the parent who should complete this form and whose information must be provided for the FAFSA.

Date of Marriage:	(MM/DD/YY)	Date of Separation:	(MM/DD/YY)
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Do you intend to proceed with a divorce? Yes No (if checked, must explain why in personal letter)

Have you consulted with an attorney or legal aid about your separation? Yes No Provide a copy of a letter from your attorney or legal aid office representing you. The letter must be on official letterhead, and include the full name, complete address and phone number. Skip to step #3

# <u>STEP TWO</u>: If you do not have a divorce decree OR if you cannot provide a letter from your attorney or legal aid office, you must submit <u>one</u> the following:

- Copies of documents which are in your name and your spouse's name (or parents, if dependent) **separately**, such as utility bills (with service address), and or lease/rental/mortgage documents. Documentation must show that two separate households are being maintained by providing two different physical addresses. PO Boxes will not be accepted.
- Letter from a third-party person (i.e.; counselor, pastor, doctor, case worker, etc.) who can endorse your (or your parents) marital status in their professional capacity on their business letterhead. Cannot be friends or relatives.

#### **Certification and Signatures**

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct. The student and one parent whose information was reported on the FAFSA must sign and date.

Student Signature	Date	WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.
Parent Signature (only if Dependent Student)	Date	prison, or both.