

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I. _____

Middlesex College ID Number: _____ Phone Number: _____

Your 2026-2027 FAFSA application has been identified by the Department of Education as potentially containing conflicting information for your Marital Status and Tax Filing Status. **If you feel there are inaccuracies in your FAFSA, please log on to [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) and make the proper corrections to your marital status and tax filing status.**

Please complete this form and submit 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 resolve any conflicting information.

Verification of Student Marital Status and Filing Status (To be Completed by Student and/or Spouse)**Please Note:**

- Middlesex College Financial Aid cannot proceed with processing your award until all required Financial Aid documents are submitted and conflicting information is resolved.
- Your 2026-2027 FAFSA will be updated, as needed, based on the information provided on this form.

Section 1: Student**Please indicate your tax filing status as stated on your 2024 Federal Tax Return**

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married Filing Joint
- ☐ Married Filing Separately
- ☐ Head of Household (Additional Documents may be required)
- ☐ Qualifying Surviving Spouse with Dependent Child (By checking this box you certify you are a qualifying widower and have provided only the surviving spouse's income on the FAFSA)
- ☐ Other*

*If you answered "Other" to any of the tax filing statuses above, there may be conflicting information that requires resolution. Please specify what your tax filing status was and attach a letter that explains why you were allowed to use that filing status given your marital status. Please provide a letter of explanation from your tax preparer or IRS, if available.

Head of Household Eligibility (To be Completed by Student)

If you are legally married and filed your taxes as Head of Household for **2024**, 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. **Check** each of the checkboxes of the following requirements below, only if the requirement is applicable to your tax filing circumstances.

Only complete the following section if you are legally married and filed a 1040 as Head of Household.

Considered Unmarried: Eligibility Requirements

- ☐ You filed a separate return.
- ☐ You paid more than half the cost to keeping your home for the tax year.
- ☐ 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 circumstance.
- ☐ Your home was the main home of your child, stepchild, and foster child for more than half the year.
- ☐ 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.

Head of Household Eligibility Requirements

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. ****See IRS Publication 17****

- ☐ You were Married but considered "Unmarried" on December 31, 2024 (If you initialed All of the previous criteria, initial here).
- ☐ You paid more than half the cost to keeping your home for the tax year.
- ☐ 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 2: Spouse (If student provided spouse information separately on FAFSA or if applicable)

Please indicate your Spouse's tax filing status as stated on their 2024 Federal Tax Return

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married Filing Joint
- ☐ Married Filing Separately
- ☐ Head of Household (Additional Documents may be required)
- ☐ Qualifying Widow (er) with Dependent Child (By checking this box you certify you are a qualifying widower and have provided only the surviving spouse's income on the FAFSA)
- ☐ Other*

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Certification Statement

I certify that all the information reported on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that I may be required to provide additional documentation. Purposely providing false or misleading information on this worksheet, may result in an investigation by the Inspector General for Student Aid Fraud.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spouse Signature (if applicable): _____ Date: _____

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