The information reported on your FAFSA indicates your marital status does not appear to agree with your tax filing status. You must review your FAFSA and make corrections to your FAFSA if necessary. If you are unable to determine if you reported your marital status and/or tax filing status correctly, please contact the RSC Financial Aid Office for assistance.

Please note your response to marital status on your FAFSA can be determined by these descriptions:

- Your marital status must be reported accurately as of the date the FAFSA was completed, signed and submitted.

- “Married” or “Remarried” does not mean living together unless the student's state of legal residence recognizes the relationship as a common law marriage.

- Consistent with the Supreme Court decision holding Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) unconstitutional, same-sex couples must report their marital status as married if they were legally married in a state or other jurisdiction (foreign country) that permits same-sex marriage, without regard to where the couple resides.

- For FAFSA purposes, a married couple is separated if the couple is considered legally separated by a state, or if the couple is legally married but has chosen to live separate lives, including living in separate households, as though they were not married.

- If the student and the student’s spouse are separated but living together, select “I am married / remarried,” not “I am separated”.

- When two married persons live as a married couple but are separated by physical distance (or have separate households), they are considered married for FAFSA purposes.

- The response on the FAFSA to marital status cannot be blank.

Please read and follow the instructions on the back of this form based on your marital status on the date your FAFSA was signed and submitted.

***Please circle the appropriate response and return this form to the RSC Financial Aid Office.***

I have made corrections to my FAFSA  OR  All income and marital status are reported correctly

Student Signature: ___________________________  Date: ________________

If you are unable to determine if you reported your marital status and/or tax filing status correctly, you must follow the instructions on the back of this form and submit appropriate documentation to allow the RSC Financial Aid Office Staff assist you with corrections to your FAFSA if necessary.
My Marital Status on the Date of FAFSA Submission was “Married/Remarried”

Date of Marriage/remarriage: __________ Attach a copy of your marriage license

Please circle your federal filing status as reported on your federal tax return: Married Filing Joint Married Filing Separate

Head of Household Single

Please note:
- Per IRS Pub 17, in general, a married person should only file “Married Filing Joint” or “Married Filing Separately”.
- You should report both you and your spouse’s 2015 income on your FAFSA.
- If you married after taxes were filed, you must combine you and your spouse’s income information and report the combination of income. In this case, a federal tax filing of “Head of Household” or “Single” may be acceptable.
- If you and your spouse each filed “Married Filing Separately, you must combine your tax return information.
- You should also report both you and your spouse’s wages on your FAFSA.

My Marital Status on the Date of FAFSA Submission was “Separated”

Date of legal separation: __________ Attach a copy of your legal separation document

Please circle your federal filing status as reported on your federal tax return: Married Filing Joint Married Filing Separate

Head of Household Single

Please note:
- If you are legally separated from your spouse, you should report only your income on your FAFSA.
- If you filed “Married Filing Joint” you must extract your portion of the joint income and report only your income on the FAFSA.
- You should only report your wages on the FAFSA.

My Marital Status on the Date of FAFSA Submission was “Divorced or Widowed”

Date of divorce: _______Attach a copy of your divorce decree OR Date you became a widow: _______

Please circle your federal filing status as reported on your federal tax return: Married Filing Joint Married Filing Separate

Head of Household Single

Please note:
- If you are divorced from your spouse, you should report only your income on your FAFSA.
- If you are widowed, you should only report your income on your FAFSA.
- If you filed a joint return you must extract your portion of the joint income to report on your FAFSA.

My Marital Status on the Date of FAFSA Submission was “Single”

Please circle your federal filing status as reported on your federal tax return: Married Filing Joint Married Filing Separate

Head of Household Single

Please note:
- If you are single you should only report your income on the FAFSA.
- Per IRS Pub 17, in general, a single person should use a federal tax filing status of “single” or “head of household”