WAYNE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FINANCIAL AID

2018-2019

Verification of Marital Status – Independent Students (MSI)

Our office needs to verify the marital status reported on your 2018-2019 FAFSA. ***Your eligibility for financial aid cannot be determined until the verification process has been completed.**

STUDENT NAME: _____ **WCC ID #:** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ **PHONE #:** _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this form, attach any required documentation, sign, and submit the completed package to the WCC Financial Aid Office for review.

A. STUDENT'S MARITAL STATUS

On the day I signed the 2018-2019 FAFSA, my marital status was:

			REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
○ Single			Not Applicable
○ Married/Remarried	Date of Marriage:	_____/_____ (MM YYYY)	A copy of your marriage license
○ Widowed	Date you were Widowed:	_____/_____ (MM YYYY)	A copy of the death certificate or obituary notice ☐ Check here if you submitted the documents in a prior year and specify the year: _____
○ Divorced	Date of Divorce:	_____/_____ (MM YYYY)	A copy of your final divorce decree ☐ Check here if you submitted the documents in a prior year and specify the year: _____
○ Separated	Date of Separation:	_____/_____ (MM YYYY)	A copy of your LEGAL separation papers OR complete the Declaration of Separation below.

B. DECLARATION OF SEPARATION (complete this section ONLY if you are separated and do not have legal separation papers)

I have been separated from my spouse, _____ (PRINT NAME OF SPOUSE), since _____/_____ (MM YYYY). We **DO NOT** have legal separation papers but have been living apart continuously with no plans to reconcile since the month and year indicated above.

I am attaching TWO (2) types of supporting documentation listed below to support this statement.

- ___ An official letter from a reputable third party who can confirm my marital separation in his/her **professional** capacity (*ex. employer, religious/spiritual leader; marriage counselor; landlord; etc.).*
- ___ A copy of my lease, rental, or mortgage documents.
- ___ Most recent two (2) months utility bills for **EACH** spouse confirming separate households.
- ___ Legal documents showing child support obligations.
- ___ **For members of the military or their dependents:** a letter from the Family Services Office, Unit Chaplain, or Unit S-1 Personnel Office confirming their knowledge of my marital separation.
- ___ An official letter from a social services agency *(ex. DSS, Social Security, etc.)* indicating their knowledge of my marital separation AND confirming that I am considered separated for the purposes of their program OR that lists all household members by name.
- ___ A copy of my SIGNED 2017 IRS TAX RETURN TRANSCRIPT *(available @ www.irs.gov)*. NOTE: If you separated before December 31, 2017, and filed a joint return with your estranged spouse, you must include an official letter from a tax expert that explains why you filed jointly.
- ___ OTHER: Please Specify: _____

C. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

By signing below, I certify that all information reported on this form and any documentation provided is true and complete.

_____ **STUDENT SIGNATURE (REQUIRED)**

_____ **DATE**

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

RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO:

Wayne Community College - Financial Aid Office - PO Box 8002 - Goldsboro, NC 27533-8002
FAX: 919-736-9425

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