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Head of Household Eligibility Requirements

PLEASE NOTE: **All three of these requirements must be met**, in order to file as Head of Household. By initialing next to each requirement, your parent(s) are certifying that they meet this requirement.

_____ Were married but were considered “unmarried” as of December 31, 2023

The Head of Household filing status is for unmarried individuals who provide a home for certain other persons.

Per the IRS, a person is considered unmarried for this purpose if **any of the following applies**:

- Were legally separated according to your state law under a decree of divorce or separate maintenance at the end of 2023. But if, at the end of 2023, the divorce was not final (an interlocutory decree), they are considered married.
- Were married but lived apart from their spouse for the entire last 6 months of 2023 and meet the other rules under married persons who live apart.
- Were married to a nonresident alien at any time during the year and did not choose to treat him or her as a resident alien.

_____ Paid more than half the cost to run a home in 2023 (rent, mortgage, utilities, etc.).

_____ Supported a qualifying person for at least half of 2023. A qualifying person is a child, parent, or relative who meets certain conditions that enable you to qualify for Head of Household.

Please explain why you, the parent(s), were allowed to file using the Head of Household status given your marital status. If available, please provide IRS supporting documentation or a letter of explanation from your tax preparer.

PLEASE NOTE: If it is determined that your parent(s) are legally married and filed their taxes as Head of Household for 2023 incorrectly, **they will need to file an amended Federal Income Tax Return (1040X)** reflecting the correct filing status. Once completed, the Office of Financial Assistance will correct the FAFSA information accordingly to reflect 2023 amended Federal Income Tax Return.

ACTION REQUIRED: Please submit both pages! The Office of Financial Assistance will be in touch via email if an amended tax return is required.

Parent Signature Date

NOTE: Signatures *cannot* be typed.

Each person signing above certifies that all of the verification documents submitted with this certification are complete and correct.