

2020-2021 Parents' Marital Status Worksheet

Student Name: _____ Blugold ID: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Phone Number: _____

Dear Parent(s):

The marital status reported on your student's FAFSA conflicts with your 2018 tax filing status. Please complete the following form to resolve the conflicting information.

If you have any questions, contact 715-836-3000 or email blugoldcentral@uwec.edu

1. As of today, what is your marital status? Married or remarried Divorced or separated
 Widowed Never married
 Unmarried and both legal parents living together

Date you were married, remarried, separated, divorced or widowed _____ / _____ / _____
 Month Day Year

If married, list spouse's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ and Social Security # _____

2. How many people live in your household?

*List their names below in the box.

Include:

- yourself, and your spouse if you have one,
- your children, if you will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, even if they do not live with you, other people if they now live with you and you provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

| *Full Name of All Household | Age | Relationship | College, if attending (7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021) |
|-----------------------------|-----|--------------|--|
| 1 | | Student | UW-Eau Claire |
| 2 | | | |
| 3 | | | |
| 4 | | | |
| 5 | | | |
| 6 | | | |
| 7 | | | |

3. List parent earnings from 2018. Please review 2018 earnings from wages, salaries, tips, etc. and fill in the amount(s) below for each parent listed on the FAFSA and/or current spouse.

This information may be found on your W-2 forms or on IRS Form 1040 – line 1 + Schedule 1–lines 12 + 18 + Schedule K-1 (IRS Form 1065)–Box 14 (Code A). If any individual earning item is negative, do not include that item in your calculation

How much did Parent 1 (**circle one:** father/mother/stepparent) earn from working in 2018 \$ _____

How much did Parent 2 (**circle one:** mother/father/stepparent) earn from working in 2018 \$ _____

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4. If you have become widowed, divorced, or separated since filing your tax return, please complete the following:

| <u>Income for calendar year 2018</u> | <u>Your Portion only</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Wages, salaries, tips | \$ _____ |
| Interest/Dividend Income | \$ _____ |
| Taxable refund (line 10 of taxes) | \$ _____ |
| Business income or loss | \$ _____ |
| Capital gain (or Loss) | \$ _____ |
| Rental real estate, royalties, etc. | \$ _____ |
| IRA/Pension Distributions Received | \$ _____ |
| Unemployment compensation | \$ _____ |

5. Attach a **signed** copy of your (and if married, spouse's) **2018 IRS Form 1040 Income Tax Return along with Schedules 1, 2, and 3** when submitting this form, and IRS W-2s from each source of income; required if wages are separated.

6. Parents' 2018 Untaxed Income, carefully look over the following list of untaxed income sources from 2018 and indicate any amounts received. If any item does not apply, enter zero where an amount is requested.

| Sources of Untaxed Income: | Parent 1 | Parent 2 |
|---|----------|----------|
| Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 forms in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H and S. Don't include amounts reported in code DD (employer contributions toward employee health benefits). | \$ | \$ |
| Child support received for any of your parents' children. Don't include foster care or adoption payments | \$ | \$ |
| Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits). Don't include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing. | \$ | \$ |
| Veterans noneducation benefits, such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances. | \$ | \$ |
| Other untaxed income not reported such as workers' compensation, disability benefits, untaxed foreign income, etc. Also include the untaxed portions of health savings accounts from IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1 - line 25. Do not include extended foster care benefits, student aid, earned income credit, additional child tax credit, welfare payments, untaxed Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act educational benefits, on-base military housing or a military housing allowance, combat pay, benefits from flexible spending arrangements (e.g., cafeteria plans), foreign income exclusions or credit for federal tax on special fuels. | \$ | \$ |

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Asset Information (See additional Information below)

List asset information based on the date the FAFSA application was originally filed.

Total Balance of Cash, savings, and checking accounts? \$ _____

Net worth of your investments, including real estate?
(Don't include the home in which you live) \$ _____

Net worth of your current businesses and/or investment farms?
(Don't include a family farm or family business with 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees.) \$ _____

Certification:

I certify that the information provided above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

_____ Date: _____
Parent signature

Warning:

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

Assets

An asset is property the family owns and that has an exchange value. The FAFSA collects current (as of the day of signing the FAFSA) data about cash, savings and checking accounts, investments, businesses, and investment farms. Most assets are investments, for example, college savings plans, Coverdell savings accounts, real estate, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), trust funds, mutual funds, money market funds, UGMA and UTMA accounts, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, commodities, and precious metals. If the asset isn't a business or investment farm, it should be reported as an investment.

Net Worth

The FAFSA asks for the net worth of investments, which is their total current market value minus their associated debts. If their net worth is negative, the student reports a zero. Similarly, for businesses and investment farms, the current net worth is reported for land, buildings, machinery, equipment, livestock, and inventories. The current market value of a business or investment farm is reduced by the debt owed on it to determine the net worth. Business or farm debt means only those debts for which the business or farm was used as collateral.

Excluded assets—not to be reported on the FAFSA:

- Possessions such as a car, a stereo, clothes, or furniture are not reported as an asset.
- A family's principal place of residence is not reported, even if it is part of a business.
- A family farm (including equipment, livestock, etc.) isn't included as an investment on the FAFSA if:
 - it is the principal place of residence for the applicant and his family (spouse or, for dependent students, parents), and
 - the applicant (or parents of a dependent student) materially participated in the farming operation.
- Family-owned and controlled small businesses (which can include farms) that have 100 or fewer full-time or full-time equivalent employees do not count as an asset. "Family-owned and controlled" means that more than 50% of the business is owned by persons who are directly related or are or were related by marriage (family members do not have to be counted in the household size for this question).
- Retirement plans and whole life insurance. The value of retirement plans (401[k] plans, pension funds, annuities, non-education IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.) is not counted as an asset, but distributions do count as income—they appear in the AGI if taxable and in questions 40 and 88 if untaxed. Similarly, the cash value or equity of a whole life insurance policy isn't reported as an asset, but an insurance settlement does count as income.