According to your 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), there is a discrepancy in your (or your parent’s, if a dependent student) marital status or the status originally reported on the FAFSA has been changed. In order to resolve this discrepancy or to verify the status change, please read this form and complete as directed. The Department of Education requires Savannah Technical College to verify that the student (or parents) did in fact use the correct filing status at the time the application was submitted. Before your eligibility for federal and state financial assistance can be determined, this form must be completed and returned with all required documents. If you do not provide all necessary documents, your file will be placed on hold.

**STEP ONE: Complete the following information about your or your parent’s marital status**

This form is being completed for: ☐ the student or ☐ the student’s parents

Check the marital status below that most accurately reflects the current marital status as of the date your FAFSA was completed.

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<th><strong>IF YOU or YOUR PARENTS ARE...</strong></th>
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<td>☐ SINGLE</td>
<td>Please attach a signed statement explaining the discrepancy in marital status</td>
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<td>☐ MARRIED</td>
<td>Please attach a copy of the marriage license or certificate</td>
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<td>☐ DIVORCED</td>
<td>Please attach a copy of the final court ordered divorce decree</td>
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<td>☐ WIDOWED</td>
<td>Please attach a copy of the obituary, death certificate</td>
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<td>Please follow instructions on reverse side in the -STEP TWO area</td>
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**Certification and Signature**

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct. The student (and one parent whose information was reported on the FAFSA, if a dependent student) must sign and date.

Student’s Signature ____________________________ Date ____________

Parent’s Signature (required, if a Dependent Student) ____________________________ Date ____________

*Do not mail this form to the Department of Education. Submit this worksheet to the Office of Financial Aid!

**STOP HERE** if you checked single, married, remarried, divorced, or widowed. You are only required to complete STEP ONE.
(Print) Student Name: ___________________________  Student ID Number: ___________________________

STEP TWO: Notice of Separation
1. This section is only completed if the response to current marital status is SEPARATED in Section I of this form.

2. **Marital separation is defined as:** (a) One of the partners has left the household for an indefinite period; and (b) the marriage is severed. If your circumstance does not meet this definition, then you (or your parent, if a dependent) are required to submit your (or your parent’s) spouses’ information. Note: you must meet both parts of the definition to be considered separated.

3. You must complete this section and provide each of the following items:
   - **CERTIFICATION AND STATEMENT OF MARITAL SEPARATION:** Please complete the certification statement below with names, dates, social security number, address, notarization, and signature(s).
   - **REFERENCE LETTERS:** If you have not consulted with an attorney or legal aid and do not have a court date for the divorce proceedings or are not pursuing a divorce at this time, you must still provide evidence of your separation. You must attach a notarized statement which confirms your separation claim from a third party who can endorse your statement.
   - **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:** Please attach a copy of your 2014 W2s, and copies of documents which are in your name only (such as utility bills, lease/rental/mortgage documents, and bank statements).

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**CERTIFICATION AND STATEMENT OF MARITAL SEPARATION**

I, ___________________________, do hereby certify that my current marital status is separated from my spouse, ___________________________, since _____ / _____. I certify that we are and have continued living separated and the marriage is severed. Currently, my separated spouse resides at:

**SEPARATED SPOUSE INFORMATION (Please Print)**

Name: ___________________________

Physical Address: ___________________________

City State Zip code: ___________________________

I certify the above statement as true and accurate with my signature and notarization by notary public. Additionally, I understand that I am responsible for returning all student financial aid monies received due to inaccurate, false or misleading information provided on this form. I also understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information in order to qualify for Title IV funds, I may be fined $20,000, sent to prison, or both.

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**Notary**

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This ____ day of (month)____, (year) ______

__________________________________________
Signature of Notary Public

My commission expires: ______________________

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Student Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Spouse Signature (optional) ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Primary Parent Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Separated Parent Signature (optional) ___________________________ Date ___________________________

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