

**2024-2025 PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT APPEAL (PJ)  
(Marital Status to Tax Return Filing Status)**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student T#: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing and submitting this form, you are requesting a Professional Judgment (PJ) for the 2024-2025 FAFSA to resolve the conflicting marital status to tax return filing status for the student and/or the parent. This form requires the student's signature and parent's signature (only needed if student is dependent).

**Please choose the person who has the conflicting marital status to tax return filing status:**

\_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT      \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT(s) of the dependent student

**Please choose the person's marital status as of the date the 2024-2025 FAFSA was completed:**

\_\_\_\_ Single (never married)      \_\_\_\_ Married (not separated)      \_\_\_\_ Remarried

\_\_\_\_ Separated      \_\_\_\_ Divorced      \_\_\_\_ Widowed

**Please choose the person's tax filing status for the 2022 tax return:**

\_\_\_\_ Single      \_\_\_\_ Head of household      \_\_\_\_ Married filing jointly      \_\_\_\_ Married filing separately

\_\_\_\_ Qualifying surviving spouse

**1. Documents needed if the student or parent's 2022 tax filing status was Single, Head of Household, or Qualifying surviving spouse, but their current marital status is Married or Remarried:**

- Submit a copy of the student's or parent's marriage certificate.
- Submit a SIGNED copy of the student's or parent's 2022 Tax Return with schedules and copies of all W2 forms, 1099s, etc. *or a complete 2022 Tax Return Transcript from the IRS.*
- Submit a SIGNED copy of the spouse's 2022 Tax Return with schedules and copies of all W2 forms, 1099s, etc. *or a complete 2023 Tax Return Transcript from the IRS.*
- **And... if requested**, download from Eagle Online, complete and sign the 2024-2025 Verification Worksheet, based on the student's dependency status on the FAFSA.

**2. Documents needed if the student or parent's 2022 tax filing status was Married filing jointly or Married filing separately, but their current marital status is Separated, Divorced, or Widowed:**

- **If widowed**, submit a copy of the death certificate or obituary.
- Submit a copy of the student's or parent's Divorced or Separation statement with the month and year of the divorce or separation listed.
- Submit a SIGNED copy of the student's or parent's 2022 Tax Return with schedules and copies of all W2 forms, 1099s, etc. *or a complete 2022 Tax Return Transcript from the IRS.*
- **And... if requested**, download from Eagle Online, complete and sign the 2024-2025 Verification Worksheet, based on the student's dependency status on the FAFSA.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

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Parent (or Student's Spouse) signature

*Documents may be uploaded through Eagle Online, scanned and emailed to [financialaid@tnitech.edu](mailto:financialaid@tnitech.edu),  
faxed to 931-372-6309, OR Mailed to: Tennessee Tech Financial Aid Office, Campus Box 5076, Cookeville, TN 38505*