NEW INFORMATION REGARDING REPORTING MARITAL STATUS

Consistent with the Supreme Court decision on the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), same-sex couples must report their marital status as married if they were legally married in a state or other jurisdiction (foreign country) that permits same-sex marriage. This decision is applicable to independent students and parents of dependent students.

Additional guidance for dependent students:

- If your parent was never married and does not live with your other legal parent, or if your parent is widowed or not remarried, answer the questions about that parent.

- If your legal parents (biological and/or adoptive) are not married to each other and live together, you must provide information about both of them regardless of their gender. Do not include any person who is not married to your parent and who is not a legal or biological parent.

- If your legal parents are divorced but living together, you must report information about both of them.

- If your parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions about the parent you lived with more during the past 12 months. If you did not live with one parent more than the other, give answers about the parent who provided more financial support during the past 12 months or during the most recent year that you actually received support from a parent. If this parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and that parent’s current spouse.