ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships
2027-2028 Head of Household Eligibility - Parent

Student name (Last name, First name)	
A-State ID number	Cell phone number

On your 2025 Federal Income Tax Return, you have reported your parents' tax filing status as "Head of Household". However, based on the information received from the FAFSA, we believe their tax filing status may be incorrect. If your parents are unfamiliar with IRS Regulations, and have questions regarding your tax filing status, we encourage them to review IRS Publication 504 or contact the IRS directly (1-800-829-1040).

What was your parents' 2025 Tax Filing Status as of December 31, 2025?
Information regarding selecting a tax filing status can be found on the IRS website at
https://www.irs.gov/help/ita/what-is-my-filing-status

❑ They were married and not separated from one another.
IRS regulations require the filing status "Married Filing Jointly" or "Married Filing Separately" for individuals who are married at the end of the 2025 tax year.

❑ They were married, but **separated** from one another for the last 6 months of 2025.
IRS regulations allow a person who is married to file as "Head of Household" if they were considered unmarried on the last day of the tax year, did not live in the same home as his/her spouse for at least the last 6 months of the tax year, paid more than 50% of the cost of keeping up the home for 2025, and had a "qualifying" person live in the house for more than half the year.

Based on the IRS filing requirements, were your parents qualified to file "Head of Household" for 2025?

❑ Yes ❑ No

If your parents were married but were separated from one another for the last 6 months of 2025, they were qualified to file "Head of Household", please attach the following:

1. A written statement explaining in detail why you were allowed to file using the "Head of Household" status as of 12/31/2025.
2. Proof of each person's address (i.e. lease agreement or a signed copy of each person's 2025 tax return) or other supporting documentation.

If your parents are married, and were not separated from one another they were not qualified to file "Head of Household", they/their spouse may need to file an amendment to the 2025 tax return to correct the filing status. If the taxes are amended, please attach the following:

1. A signed copy of the 1040X amended 2025 tax return for both parents showing the tax filing status updated to "Married Filing Jointly" or "Married Filing Separately".
2. A signed copy of the original 1040 tax return for both parents

By signing this Verification Statement, I (we) certify that all information reported is complete and accurate. WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

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STUDENT SIGNATURE **DATE**

Please complete and return to: A-State Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships
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