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**Office of Financial Aid
Clarification of Parental Marital Status
for the Responsible Parent**

_____ **Student's Name**

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_____ **Bishop ID Number**

_____@bishop.edu

Bishop State Email Address

We are unable to continue processing your application for financial aid because it contains incomplete or conflicting information. We need clarification about whom your responsible parent is and that parent's current marital status.

Federal guidelines for the determination of your responsible parent are as follows: *Your responsible parent is the parent with whom you lived the most with during the 12 months before your financial aid application was signed. If you did not live with either parent, or if you lived with each parent an equal number of days (including zero days), your responsible parent is the parent who provided you the most support in the most recent 12-month period. Support means gift, loans, housing, food, clothing, car, money, medical and dental care, payment of college costs, etc.*

Please complete the following clarification questions:

According to the above definition my responsible parent is:

- My Mother Mother's Name: _____
- My Father Father's Name: _____

The marital status of the responsible parent is:

- Never Married (Month and Year)
- Married _____ Date of Marriage (attach license)
- Remarried _____ Date of Remarriage (attach license)
- Divorced _____ Date of Divorce (attach decree)
- Separated* _____ Date of Separation (attach documentation)
- Widowed _____ Date Spouse Deceased (attach death certificate)

*Separation is defined as legally or informally separated when one of the partners has left the household for an indefinite period and the marriage is severed. Documentation includes, but is not limited to signed lease agreements or mortgage papers, separate utility bills, etc. Final determination of acceptable documentation is made on a case-by-case basis.

All of the information on this Clarification of Parent Marital Status of Responsible Parent Form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Certification and Signature - WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, and/or removed from school.

If parent signature is not available due to Covid-19, please provide a statement on the signature line.

Student's Signature - No electronic signature, must be original

Date

Responsible Parent's Signature - No electronic signature, must be original

Date