



LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY
Office of Financial Aid

Head of Household Worksheet 2026-2027

Please return this completed form to:
Louisiana Tech University
Office of Financial Aid
PO Box 7925 Ruston, LA 71272

INSTRUCTIONS: One of the areas that the Department of Education requires Financial Aid Administrators to verify is your parents' tax filing status. On your FAFSA, you answered a question concerning your parents' marital status. Your FAFSA or other documents submitted indicate that your parents are married, but according to your parent income tax return they are filing "Head of Household". IRS Publication 17 states that a married person can only file income taxes as "Married Filing Jointly" or "Married Filing Separately". However, a person can file "Head of Household" if they are considered by the IRS to be unmarried. For more information regarding filing as Head of Household, see IRS Publication 17 and/or Publication 501. Complete all applicable sections, sign the certification statement, and return this form with supporting documentation to the Office of Financial Aid.

STUDENT'S Last Name

First Name

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STUDENT'S CWID or SSN

Form Completion Date

SECTION A: CONSIDERED MARRIED:

For tax purposes, you may be a married person and are considered married for the whole year if on December 31, 2024, you and your spouse met ANY ONE of the following criteria (2024 IRS Publication 17).

Check any that you can answer "yes" to:

1. You are married and living together.
2. You are living together in a common law marriage recognized in the state where you now live or in the state where the common law marriage began.
3. You are married and living apart, but not legally separated under a decree of divorce or separate maintenance.
4. You are separated under an interlocutory (not final) decree of divorce.

I said "yes" to one of the above questions, which means I am considered **married** and I am not eligible to file a 2024 IRS income tax return as "Head of Household". I will file an amended 2024 tax return with the IRS, and send the following to the Office of Financial Aid at Louisiana Tech University:

1. A signed copy of this Head of Household Worksheet
2. A signed, amended tax return (1040X), STAMPED received by the IRS, or documentation showing a 1040x was sent to the IRS such as a certified mailcard
3. A signed, original tax return
4. A Dependent / Independent Student Verification Worksheet (if not submitted already)

****If considered MARRIED, then you should skip to PART D. Do not complete Sections B or C. If you are considered unmarried, then you MUST complete Sections B and C.**

****If you are now DIVORCED, please attach a copy of the divorce decree. Do not complete Sections B and C on the next page.**

SECTION B: HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD ELIGIBILITY. You may be able to file as Head of Household if you meet ALL of the following requirements (2024 IRS Publication 501, page 8). Check any that you can answer “yes” to.

1. You are unmarried or “considered unmarried” on December 31, 2024.
2. You filed a separate return.
3. You paid more than half the cost of keeping up your home for the tax year.
4. Your spouse did not live in your home during the last six months of the tax year.
5. Your home was the main home of your child, stepchild, or foster child for more than half the year.
6. You must be able to claim the child as a dependent. However, you meet this criteria if you cannot claim the child only because the non-custodial parent can claim the child. (Refer to IRS Publication 17, Part 1: Chapter 3)
7. A “qualifying person” lived with you in the home for more than half the year. However, if the “qualifying person” is your dependent parent, he or she does not have to live with you.

****I said “yes” to ALL of the questions above, which means that I meet the conditions to file a 2024 IRS Tax Return as “Head of Household”. I will send the following documents to the Louisiana Tech University Office of Financial Aid:**

1. A SIGNED copy of Head of Household Worksheet, **AND**
2. Please attach 3 utility statements from three separate months in 2023 for BOTH PARENTS, **OR** a letter from a CPA or licensed tax professional with a Tax ID number stating why you are eligible for Head of Household.

****If you are considered unmarried then you MUST complete Sections B and C, or the form will not be accepted as complete.**

SECTION C: PARENTAL INFORMATION

1. Provide the address where each parent lived for the last 6 months of 2024. Include the street, apartment number, city, state, and zip code. **Post Office Boxes are not an acceptable address.** Please attach 3 utility statements for both parents.

PARENT #1

PARENT #2

Last Name

First Name

Last Name

First Name

Utility / Mailing Address (include Apt. No.)

Utility / Mailing Address (include Apt. No.)

City

State

Zip Code

City

State

Zip Code

2. What was your marital status on December 31, 2024?

PARENT #1

PARENT #2

Married

Separated

Divorced

Married

Separated

Divorced

3. Do you pay more than half the cost of keeping up a home for 2024?

PARENT #1

PARENT #2

Yes

No

Yes

No

4. You stated in Section B question #7 that a qualifying person lived with you for more than half of 2024. Provide the name and relationship to the parent.

PARENT #1

PARENT #2

Name

Relationship

Name

Relationship

SECTION D: CERTIFICATION STATEMENT. (Both parents MUST sign)

I certify that the information provided in this worksheet is true, complete, and correct.

Student Signature:

Date:

Parent 1 Signature:

Date:

Parent 2 Signature:

Date: