

## DISCLOSURE TO PARENTS OF DEPENDENT STUDENTS

When a student enters a postsecondary institution at any age, all rights afforded to parents under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) transfer to the student. Under FERPA, Howard University is permitted to disclose information from your financial aid records to your parents, without your consent, if your parent(s) claim you as a dependent for federal tax purposes.

Note that the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) definition of a dependent is quite different from that of a dependent student for federal student aid purposes. For IRS purposes, students are dependent if they are listed as dependents on their parent's federal income tax returns. If the student is a dependent as defined by the IRS, disclosure may be made to either parent.

This form officially notifies the Office of Financial Aid of your dependency status for federal tax purposes, so that we can determine if we may share information regarding your financial aid with your parent(s) without your consent. Please note that the Office of Financial Aid will not disclose any information, under any circumstance, to the parent of an independent student (as defined by the IRS), even if the student wishes the office to do so.

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Last Name                                      First Name                                      MI                                      HU ID Number

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate whether your parent(s) claim you as a tax dependent by checking the appropriate box below.

- Yes. I certify that my parent(s) claim me as a dependent for federal income tax purposes.
- No. I certify that my parent(s) do not claim me as a dependent for federal income tax purposes.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list your parent(s) name below.*

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