

## **Lander University Financial Aid Office**

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## **HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD FILING STATUS**

Student's Last Name	First Name	MI	Lander ID (L#)

## Dear Student:

Records we collected during the verification process indicate that either you or your parent(s) (if you are a dependent student) filed under the Head of Household filing status. <a href="IRS">IRS</a>
<a href="Publication 501">Publication 501</a> indicates that in order to file Head of the Household, the tax filer must meet the following criteria:

"You may be able to file as head of household if you meet <u>all</u> the following requirements.

- 1. You are unmarried or "considered unmarried" on the last day of the year.

  (You are considered married if you are married and living apart but not legally separated under a decree of divorce or separate maintenance).
- 2. You paid more than half the cost of keeping up a home for the year.
- 3. A "qualifying person" lived with you in the home for more than half the year (except for temporary absences, such as school). However if the "qualifying person" is your dependent parent, he or she does not have to live with you.

(IRS publication 501 at http://www.irs.gov/publications/p501/index.html)

We are unable to determine that the tax filer meets the criteria above. Accordingly, in order to proceed with processing your aid eligibility, we must resolve this discrepant information in one of the following ways. You may provide any of the following to satisfy this requirement:

- An IRS form 1040X (Amended 1040) for each person who filed as head of household;
   OR
- 2. A letter from a tax professional indicating why the head of household filing status is appropriate for the tax filer; OR
- 3. A letter from the IRS indicating why the head of household filing status is appropriate for the tax filer.

Please return the required information along with this form to us as soon as possible so that we can proceed with your aid processing.

DATA ENTRY		COUNSELOR REVIEW	
RRAAREQ	N=Pending Review	1920 FSAH AVG 116 IRS Publication 17 p. 22-25	
Initials/date		RRAAREQ	S = Satisfied, eligible, X = Ineligible, N=Pending, I=Incomplete, M=Mailed back (set ROAMESG)
Fwd to Counselor date		RHACOMM	
NASFAA Ask Regs	Electronic Announcement 5/15/14	CNSLR Initials/date	