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2010 – 2011 Common Law Marriage Form

Contrary to popular belief, even if two people live together for a certain number of years, if they don't intend to be married and present themselves to others as a married couple, there is no common law marriage. More particularly, a common law marriage can occur only when:

- ✓ a heterosexual couple lives together for a significant period of time in a state that recognizes common law marriages (Period of time is not defined in any state)
- ✓ holding themselves out as a married couple – typically this means using the same last name, referring to the other as “my husband” or “my wife” and filing a joint tax return, and
- ✓ intending to be married.

Unless all three are true, there is no common law marriage. When a common law marriage exists, the couple must go through a formal divorce to end the relationship.

Please check one:

Yes, I am in a common law marriage. (You must provide your spouse's information and income.)

No, I am not in a common law marriage. (You must provide the information below.)

For calendar year 2009, please provide the amount paid by significant other on your behalf.

Amount Paid (Yearly Total)	Expense Item
S	Housing (Rent/Mortgage)
S	Utilities (electric bill, gas bill, telephone, water, etc.)
S	Cable/ Satellite Bill
S	Car payment/ insurance/ taxes
S	Car Maintenance (repairs, gas, etc.)
S	Clothing
S	Medical/Dental Expenses
S	Education
S	Travel, recreation
S	Other (specify):
S	Other (specify):
S	Other (specify):
S	Total

Certification: I attest this information to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's Cell #: _____