



## Supporting Documents to Prove Head of Household Filing Status

You may qualify for Head of Household filing status if you meet the following three tests:  
Marriage Test, Qualifying Person Test, and Cost of Keeping up a Home Test.

	<b>If You Are:</b>		<b>Then send photocopies of the following documents</b>
<b>Marriage Test</b>	Single		Go to the Qualifying Person Test and Cost of Keeping up a Home Test.
	Divorced or legally separated		Entire divorce decree, separate maintenance decree, or separation agreement
	Married, but your spouse did not live with you during the last 6 months of the tax year		Documents verifying your spouse did not live with you during the last 6 months of the year, such as a lease agreement, utility bills, a letter from a clergy member, or a letter from social services.
<b>Qualifying Person Test</b>  <b>(If your relationship with the child is not in this listing, please see Publication 501, Dependents, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information for more information).</b>	<b>If the Person Is:</b>	<b>And</b>	<b>Then send photocopies of the following documents for tax year 2020</b>
	Your child (including an adopted child, or a pending adoption),	You can claim a dependency exemption for the child.	Birth certificates or other official documents of birth, marriage certificates, letter from an authorized adoption agency, letter from the authorized placement agency, or applicable court document that verify your relationship to the child (send these documents only for a qualifying child who is not your natural or adopted child).
	Your brother or sister, stepbrother or stepsister, or any of their descendants (for example, grandchild, niece, or nephew)	The child lived in your home for more than half of 2020 (temporary absences away from home, such as time spent at school, count as time lived at home).	To show both you and your child lived together for more than half of the year, send: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School, medical, daycare, or social service records</li> <li>• A letter on the official letterhead from a school, medical provider, social service agency, or place of worship that shows names, common address and dates. (If you send a letter from a relative who provides your daycare, you <b>MUST</b> send at least one additional letter.)</li> </ul>
Your eligible foster child (a child placed in your home by an authorized placement agency or by a court order).	Note—A married child must be your dependent.	Send as many documents as necessary to show that the child lived with you for more than half of the year.	
<b>Cost of keeping up a Home Test</b>	<b>If:</b>	<b>And</b>	<b>Then send photocopies of the following documents for the tax year</b>
	You pass both the marriage test and the qualifying person test,	You paid more than half the cost of keeping up your home for the previous tax year	Rent receipts, utility bills, grocery receipts, property tax bills, mortgage interest statement, upkeep and repair bills, property insurance statement, and other household bills.