V1 Standard Verification Independent Student Tax Filer Worksheet

Verification Information

What is Verification and why was I selected?

Verification is the process by which certain required information on the FAFSA is reviewed for accuracy and completeness.

Students are selected for verification for one of the following reasons:
- The Central Processing System found inconsistencies and/or potential errors in the student’s FAFSA
- Random selection
- School selection

Steps to complete verification:
1. Collect income tax and other required documents
2. Review SAR to determine if there are any requests for documentation
3. Complete all sections of this worksheet, sign it, and send the completed worksheet, income tax and other official documentation to the financial aid office at your school.

The financial aid office will notify you if there is additional documentation needed or any other questions to be answered. After verification is complete, you will be notified about the amount of financial aid you are eligible to receive.

The financial aid office cannot process your financial aid package until verification has been completed, so it is imperative that you provide the required documents as soon as possible.

Student Information

Last Name    First Name    M.I.    Identification (ID) Number

Street Address (include apt. no.)    Date of Birth

City    State    Zip Code    Email Address

Home Phone Number (include area code)    Alternate or Cell Phone Number
Verification of 2015 Income Information for Student Tax Filers

Important Note: The instructions below apply to the student and spouse, if the student is married. Notify the financial aid office if the student or spouse filed separate IRS income tax returns for 2015 or had a change in marital status after December 31, 2015.

Instructions: Complete this section if the student and spouse filed or will file a 2015 IRS income tax return(s). The best way to verify income is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT) that is part of FAFSA on the Web at FAFSA.gov. In most cases, no further documentation is needed to verify 2015 income information that was transferred into the student’s FAFSA using the IRS DRT if that information was not changed by the FAFSA filer.

Check the box that applies:

☐ The student has used the IRS DRT in FAFSA on the Web to transfer 2015 IRS income tax return information into the student’s FAFSA.

☐ The student has not yet used the IRS DRT in FAFSA on the Web, but will use the tool to transfer 2015 IRS income tax return information into the student’s FAFSA once the 2015 IRS income tax return has been filed.

☐ The student is unable or chooses not to use the IRS DRT in FAFSA on the Web, and instead will provide the school with a 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s).

A 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be obtained through:

- Online Request - Go to www.IRS.gov, under the Tools heading on the IRS homepage, click "Get a Tax Transcript by Mail." Click "Get Transcript by MAIL," Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and NOT the "IRS Tax Account Transcript."
- Telephone Request - 1-800-908-9946
- Paper Request Form - IRS Form 4306-T-EZ or IRS Form 4306-T

In most cases, for electronic tax return filers, 2015 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 2-3 weeks after the 2015 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2015 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2015 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 6-8 weeks after the 2015 paper IRS income tax return has been received by the IRS. Contact the financial aid office if more information is needed about using the IRS DRT or obtaining an IRS Tax Return Transcript.

If the student and spouse filed separate 2015 IRS income tax returns, the IRS DRT cannot be used and the 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) must be provided for each.

☐ Check here if a 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) is provided.
☐ Check here if a 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) will be provided later.
Number of Household Members: List below the people in the student's household. Include:

- The student.
- The student's spouse, if the student is married.
- The student's or spouse's children if the student or spouse will provide more than half of the children's support from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, even if a child does not live with the student.
- Other people if they now live with the student and the student or spouse provides more than half of the other person's support, and will continue to provide more than half of that person's support through June 30, 2017.

Number in College: Include in the space below information about any household member who is, or will be, enrolled at least half time in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at an eligible postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, include the name of the college.

If more space is needed, provide a separate page with the student's name and ID number at the top.

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<th>Full Name</th>
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<th>Relationship</th>
<th>College</th>
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Note: We may require additional documentation if we have reason to believe that the information regarding the household members enrolled in eligible postsecondary educational institutions is inaccurate.

Child Support Paid

If the student and/or spouse, who is a member of the student's household, paid child support in 2015, provide in the space below the names of the persons who paid the child support, the names of the persons to whom the child support was paid, the names and ages of the children for whom the child support was paid, and the total annual amount of child support that was paid in 2015 for each child.

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Student's Name ___________________________ Student's ID Number ___________________________

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<th>Name of Person Who Paid Child Support</th>
<th>Name of Person to Whom Child Support was Paid</th>
<th>Name and Age of Child for Whom Support Was Paid</th>
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Total Amount of Child Support Paid $

Note: If we have reason to believe that the information regarding child support paid is inaccurate, we may require additional documentation, such as:

- A signed statement from the individual receiving the child support certifying the amount of child support received; or

- Copies of the child support payment checks, money order receipts, or similar records of electronic payments having been made.

**Receipt of SNAP Benefits**

The student certifies that ____________________, a member of the student's household, received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) sometime during 2014 or 2015. SNAP may be known by another name in some states. For assistance in determining the name used in a state, please call 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

The student's household includes:

- The student.

- The student's spouse, if the student is married.

- The student's or spouse's children if the student or spouse will provide more than half of the child's support from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, even if a child does not live with the student.

- Other people if they now live with the student and the student or spouse provides more than half of the other person's support and will continue to provide more than half of that person's support through June 30, 2017.

Note: If we have reason to believe that the information regarding the receipt of SNAP benefits is inaccurate, we may require documentation from the agency that issued the SNAP benefits in 2014 or 2015.
Certifications and Signatures

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

PRINT STUDENT'S NAME

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE (REQUIRED)

SPouse's Signature (Optional)

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

STUDENT'S ID NUMBER

DATE

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