VERIFICATION WORKSHEET INDEPENDENT STUDENT

TRACKING GROUP V1

Award Year 2026-2027

Your 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. The law says that before awarding Federal Student Aid, we may ask you to confirm the information you and your spouse (if married) reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information the financial aid administrator at your school will compare your FAFSA with the information on this worksheet and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to the financial aid administrator at your school. Your school may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact your financial aid administrator as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

A. Independent Student's Information

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	MI	Student's SSN or ID Number

Student's Street Address (include apt. no.)	Student's Date of Birth

City	State	Zip	Student's Email Address

Student's Phone Number	Student's Alternate or Cell Phone Number

B. Independent Student's Family Information

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, 2026, through June 30, 2027, 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, 2027.

Number in College: Please 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, 2026, and June 30, 2027, 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.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time
Missy Jones (example)	*28*	*Spouse*	*Central University*	*Yes*

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.

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C. Independent Student's Income Information to Be Verified

1. Tax Return 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 2024 or had a change in marital status after December 31, 2024.

Instructions: Complete this section if the student and spouse filed or will file a 2024 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 2024 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 2024 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 2024 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA.

☐ The student and/or spouse is unable or chooses not to use the IRS DRT in *FAFSA* on the Web, and instead will provide the school with a **2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)**.

A **2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript** may be obtained through:

- Get Transcript by Mail - Go to www.IRS.gov, under the Tools heading, click "Get a tax transcript." Click "Get Transcript by MAIL." Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and ***NOT*** the "IRS Tax Account Transcript." The transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the online request.

- Get Transcript ONLINE - Go to www.IRS.gov, under the Tools heading, click "Get a tax transcript." Click "Get Transcript ONLINE." Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and ***NOT*** the "IRS Tax Account Transcript." To use the Get Transcript Online tool, the user must have (1) access to a valid email address, (2) a text-enabled mobile phone (pay-as-you-go plans cannot be used) in the user's name, and (3) specific financial account numbers (such as a credit card number or an account number for a home mortgage or auto loan). The transcript displays online upon successful completion of the IRS's two-step authentication.

- Telephone Request – 1-800-908-9946. The transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the online request.

- Paper Request Form – Use the links to download IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T. The transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the online request.

When requesting a transcript, use the Social Security Number (or the IRS individual taxpayer identification number) and the date of birth of the first person listed on the 2024 IRS income tax return, and the address on file with the IRS (normally this will be the address used on the 2024 IRS income tax return).

In most cases, for electronic tax return filers, 2024 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 2–3 weeks after the 2024 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2023 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2024 IRS income tax information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 6-8 weeks after the 2024 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 2024 IRS income tax returns, the IRS DRT cannot be used and the **2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** must be provided for each.

☐ Check here if a **2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** is provided.

☐ Check here if a **2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** will be provided later.

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2. Nontax Filers

The instructions and certifications below apply to the student and spouse, if the student is married.
Complete this section if the student and spouse will not file and are not required to file a 2024 income tax return with the IRS.

Check the box that applies:

☐ The student and/or spouse were not employed and had no income earned from work in 2024.

☐ The student and/or spouse was employed in 2024 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2024, and whether an IRS W-2 form is provided. [Provide copies of all 2024 IRS W-2 forms issued to the student and/or spouse by their employers]. List every employer even if they did not issue an IRS W-2 form.

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Employer's Name	2024 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 Attached?
ABC Shipping (example)	*$1,280*	*Yes*

You must also provide documentation from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2025 that indicates a 2024 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS or other relevant tax authority.

Documentation includes a verification of nonfiling letter from the IRS. This form may be obtained by completing an IRS Form 4506-T and checking box 7. An IRS form 4506-T may be downloaded here.

Check the box that applies:

☐ Check here is a confirmation of nonfiling is provided.

☐ Check here is a confirmation of nonfiling will be provided later.

D. Certification and Signatures

Each person signing this worksheet certifies that all of the information reported on it is complete and correct.
WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

The student must sign and date this form.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Spouse's Signature (optional) _____ Date _____

Do not mail this worksheet to the U.S. Department of Education. Submit this worksheet to the financial aid administrator at your school.
You should make a copy of this worksheet for your records.

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