

## 2025-26 INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION WORKSHEET

Your 2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. In this process, we are required by federal law to compare the information from your FAFSA application with the information provided on this form and your tax information (and your spouse's if you are married). 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 Office. We cannot process your financial aid until verification has been completed. We may ask for additional information.

## **SECTION A: INDEPENDENT STUDENT INFORMATION**

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Student ID
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Address (include apt. no.) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

City	State	Zip Code	Student's Email Address
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Student's Phone Number	Student's Alternate Phone Number
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## **SECTION B: FAMILY INFORMATION**

List below the people in the student's household. Include:

- The student.
- The student's spouse, if applicable.
- The student's dependent children if all of the following are true:
  - They live with the student (or live apart because of college enrollment);
  - They receive more than half of their support from the student; and
  - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year.
- Other persons if the following are true:
  - They live with the student;
  - They receive more than half of their support from the student; and
  - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year.

The provided criteria for “dependent children” or “other persons” mirror the requirement that family size align with those the student could claim as a dependent on a U.S. tax return if the student were to file a U.S. tax return at the time of completing the 2025-26 FAFSA. **As a result, the student should not include any unborn children in the family size.**

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

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## **SECTION C: STUDENT 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 2023 or had a change in marital status after December 31, 2023.

**Instructions:** Complete this section if the student and spouse filed or will file a 2023 IRS Income tax return(s).

As part of federal student aid eligibility, students, and spouses (as appropriate), will be required to consent and approve sharing and importing income and tax information from the IRS to the FAFSA form, even if the attempt to obtain or use such data is ineffective. In other words, if the student and spouse filed separate 2023 IRS income tax returns, both must provide consent and approval to share and import income and tax information from the IRS. In most cases, no further documentation is needed to verify 2023 income information that was transferred into the student's FAFSA using income and tax information directly from the IRS via the FA-DDX.

If 2023 income tax return information for the student (or spouse, if applicable) was not transferred via the FA-DDX and considered verified, the student should provide the institution with a 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2023 income tax return and applicable schedules.

A 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be obtained through:

- **Get Transcript by MAIL** – Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), click “Get Your Tax Record.” Click “Get Transcript by Mail.” Make sure to request the “Return Transcript” and NOT the “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](http://www.irs.gov), click “Get Your Tax Record.” Click “Get Transcript Online.” Make sure to request the “Return Transcript” and NOT the “Account Transcript.” Follow the instructions to create an ID.me account if you do not already have one. If you need help creating an ID.me account or verifying your identity, visit the ID.me IRS Help Site.
- **Automated Telephone Request** – 1-800-908-9946. Transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the telephone request.
- **Paper Request Form** – 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 paper request form.

## **SECTION D: STUDENT NON-TAX 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 2023 income tax return with the IRS.

**By completing this document, I certify that I have not filed and am not required to file a 2023 income tax return, and I have listed all income earned from work, other income, and resources for the 2023 tax year.**

**Also check any box that applies:**

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My spouse and/or I were not employed and had no income earned from work in 2023.

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My spouse and/or I were employed in 2023 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2023, and whether an IRS W-2 form or an equivalent document is provided. (Provide copies of all 2023 IRS W-2 forms issued to you and your spouse. List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form. If more space is needed, provide a separate page with your name and ID number at the top.)

Employer's Name	Was an IRS W-2 provided by this employer? If yes, you must attach a copy of the W-2.	Annual Amount Earned in 2023
ABC's Auto Body Shop (example)	Yes	\$4,500.00

<b>Total Amount of Income Earned from Work in 2023</b>		\$

☐ My spouse and/or I had other income and resources that support us for the 2023 tax year. (List each source of income in the table below. If more space is needed, provide a separate page with your name and ID number at the top).

Source of Income		Annual Amount Earned in 2023
Rental property (example)		\$5,500.00
<b>Total Amount of Income in 2023</b>		\$

## **SECTION E: Certification and Signatures**

Each person signing below certifies that all of the verification documents submitted with this certification are 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.

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Print Student's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's ID Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature (Required)

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Date

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Spouse's Signature (Optional)

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Date

### **PLEASE RETURN ALL FORMS AND DOCUMENTATION TO: (Mail or Email)**

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