

2017–2018 Verification Worksheet

Independent Student- Tracking Group V1

Your 2017–2018 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 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	Student's M.I.	Student's SSN
Student's Street Address (include apt. no.)			Student's Date of Birth
City	State	Zip Code	Student's Email Address
Student's Home Phone Number (include area code)			Student's Alternate or Cell Phone Number

B. Independent Student's Family Information

List below the people in your household. Include:

- Yourself.
- Your spouse, if you are married.
- Your children, if any, if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, or if the child would be required to provide your information if they were completing a FAFSA for 2017–2018. Include children who meet either of these standards, even if they do not live with you.
- Other people if they now live with you and you provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2018.

Include the name of the college for any household member who will be enrolled, **at least half time** in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at a postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2018. *If more space is needed, attach a separate page with your name and Social Security Number at the top.*

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time
<i>Missy Jones (example)</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Central University</i>	<i>Yes</i>
		Self		

Student Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____

C. Independent Student’s Income Information to Be Verified

1. TAX RETURN FILERS

Important Note: If you (or your spouse, if married) filed, or will file, an amended 2015 IRS tax return, the student must contact the financial aid administrator before completing this section.

Instructions: Complete this section if you, the student, filed or will file a 2015 income tax return with the IRS. *The best way to verify income is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool that is part of FAFSA on the Web. If you have not already used the tool, go to FAFSA.gov, log in to your FAFSA record, select “Make FAFSA Corrections,” and navigate to the Financial Information section of the form. From there, follow the instructions to determine if you are eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer 2015 IRS income tax information into your FAFSA. It takes up to two weeks for IRS income information to be available for the IRS Data Retrieval Tool for electronic IRS tax return filers, and up to eight weeks for paper IRS tax return filers. If you need more information about when, or how to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool see your financial aid administrator.*

Check the box that applies:

I, the student, have used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web to transfer my (and, if married, my spouse’s) 2015 IRS income information into my FAFSA, either on the initial FAFSA or when making a correction to the FAFSA. *Your school will use the IRS information that was transferred in the verification process.*

I, the student, have not yet used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web, but I will use the tool to transfer my (and, if married, my spouse’s) 2015 IRS income information into my FAFSA once I have filed a 2015 IRS tax return. *See instructions above for information on how to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. Your school cannot complete the verification process until the IRS information has been transferred into your FAFSA.*

I, the student, am unable or chooses not to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web, and I will submit to the school a **2015 IRS tax return transcript**—not a photocopy of the income tax return. *To obtain an IRS tax return transcript, go to www.irs.gov and click on the “Order a Return or Account Transcript” link, or call 1-800-908-9946. Make sure to request the “IRS tax return transcript” and not the “IRS tax account transcript.” You will need your Social Security Number, date of birth, and the address on file with the IRS (normally this will be the address used when the 2015 IRS tax return was filed). It takes up to two weeks for IRS income information to be available for electronic IRS tax return filers, and up to eight weeks for paper IRS tax return filers.*

Check here if an IRS tax return transcript is attached to this worksheet.

Check here if IRS tax return transcript will be submitted to your school later. Verification cannot be completed until the IRS tax return transcript has been submitted to your school.

2. TAX RETURN NONFILERS

Complete this section if you, the student (and, if married, your spouse), will not file and are not required to file a 2015 income tax return with the IRS.

Check the box that applies:

The student (and, if married, the student’s spouse) was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2015.

The student (and/or the student’s spouse if married) was employed in 2015 and has listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2015, and whether an IRS W-2 form is attached. Attach copies of all 2015 IRS W-2 forms issued to you (and, if married, to your spouse) by employers. *List every employer even if they did not issue an IRS W-2 form. If more space is needed, attach a separate page with your name and Social Security Number at the top.*

Employer’s Name	2015 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 Attached?
ABC Shipping (example)	\$1,280	Yes

Student Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____

D. Independent Student’s Other Information to Be Verified

- 1. Complete this section if someone in the student’s household (listed in Section B) received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) any time during the 2015 or 2016 calendar years.

One of the persons listed in Section B of this worksheet received SNAP benefits in 2015 or 2016. If asked by my school, I will provide documentation of the receipt of SNAP benefits during 2015 and/or 2016.

E. Other Information to Be Verified

- 1. Complete this section if someone in the student’s household (listed in Section B) received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) any time during the 2015 or 2016 calendar years.

One of the persons listed in Section B of this worksheet received SNAP benefits in 2015 or 2016. If asked by the student’s school, I will provide documentation of the receipt of SNAP benefits during 2015 and/or 2016.

Verification of Other Untaxed Income for 2015

If any item does not apply, enter “N/A” for Not Applicable where a response is requested, or enter 0 in an area where an amount is requested.

If the student was not required to provide parental information on the FAFSA, answer each question below as it applies to the student (and the student’s spouse, if married) whose information is on the FAFSA.

To determine the correct annual amount for each item: If you paid or received the same dollar amount every month in 2015 multiply that amount by the number of months in 2015 you paid or received it. If you did not pay or receive the same amount each month in 2015, add together the amounts you paid or received each month.

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

A. Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings

List any payments (direct or withheld from earnings) to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans (e.g., 401(k) or 403(b) plans), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on W-2 forms in Boxes 12a through 12d with codes D, E, F, G, H, and S.

Name of Person Who Made the Payment	Total Amount Paid in 2015

- 2. Complete this section if you and/or your spouse paid child support in 2015.

Either I, or if married my spouse who is listed in Section B of this worksheet, paid child support in 2015. I have indicated below the name of the person who paid the child support, the name of the person to whom the child support was paid, the names of the children for whom child support was paid, and the total annual amount of child support that was paid in 2015 for each child. If asked by my school, I will provide documentation of the payment of child support. *If you need more space, attach a separate page that includes your name and Social Security Number at the top.*

Name of Person Who Paid Child Support	Name of Person to Whom Child Support was Paid	Name of Child for Whom Support Was Paid	Amount of Child Support Paid in 2015
<i>Joe Jones</i>	<i>Jane Doe</i>	<i>Jake Jones</i>	<i>\$6,000</i>

Student Name:

Social Security Number:

E. Certification and Signatures

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

I certify that all of the information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct. **The student must sign and date this worksheet.** If married, the spouse's signature is optional.

Student's Signature

Date

Spouse's Signature

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.