

2023-2024 INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION WORKSHEET (V5)

Your 2023–2024 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 ID Number
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 (and Your spouse if you are married.)
- Your children, if any, if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, or if the child would be required to provide your information if they were completing a FAFSA for 2023–2024. 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, 2024.

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, 2023, and June 30, 2024. *If more space is needed, attach a separate page with your name and Student ID Number at the top.*

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time
<i>Marty Jones(example)</i>	28	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Central University</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
		<i>Self</i>		

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.

Student's Name: _____ Alt ID: _____

C. Independent Student's Income Information to Be Verified

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 2021 or had a change in marital status after December 31, 2021.

1. Verification of 2021 Income Information for Student Tax Filers

Instructions: Complete this section if the student filed or will file a 2021 IRS income tax return. 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 2021 income information that was transferred in the student's FAFSA using the IRS DRT if that information was not changed by the FAFSA filer. *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:

- The student has used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web to transfer 2021 IRS income information into the FAFSA. *Your school will use the IRS information that was transferred in the verification process.*
- The student has not yet used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool but will use the tool to transfer 2021 IRS income information into the FAFSA once 2021 IRS tax return have been filed.
- The student is unable or chooses not to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, and the student will provide the school a copy of the **2021 IRS tax return transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2021 income tax return and applicable schedules.**

A **2021 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.
- **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.

- The student and spouse filed separate 2021 IRS income tax returns, the IRS DRT cannot be used and the 2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2021 income tax return and applicable schedules must be provided for each.

_____ Check here if a **2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2021 income tax return and applicable schedules** is provided.

_____ Check here if a **2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2021 income tax return and applicable schedules** will be provided later.

- The student and/or spouse filed 2021 Non-IRS Income Tax Returns

A tax filer who filed an income tax return with a tax authority other than the IRS may provide a signed copy of his or her income tax return that was filed with the relevant tax authority. However, if we question the accuracy of the information on the signed copy of the income tax return, the tax filer must provide us with a copy of the tax account information issued by the relevant tax authority before verification can be completed.

Student's Name: _____ **Alt ID:** _____

2. Verification of 2021 Income Information for Students with Unusual Circumstances

Complete this section if the student has filed or will file a 2021 income tax return with any of the following circumstances.

Check the box that applies:

- The student is required to file a 2021 IRS income tax return and **has been granted a filing extension by the IRS, must provide.**
- A copy of the IRS's approval of an extension beyond the automatic six-month extension if the individual requested an additional extension of the filing time for tax year 2021
 - Verification of Non-Filing Letter (confirmation that the tax return has not yet been filed) from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2021; or a signed statement certifying that the individual attempted to obtain the VNF from the IRS and was unable to obtain the required documentation.
 - A copy of IRS Form W-2 for each source of employment income received for tax year 2021
 - If self-employed, a signed statement certifying the amount of the individual's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) and the U.S. income tax paid for tax year 2021.
- The student **has filed an amended IRS income tax return for tax year 2021, must provide:**
- A 2021 RS Tax Return Transcript (that will only include information from the original tax return and does not have to be signed), or any other IRS tax transcript(s) that includes all of the income and tax information required to be verified
 - A signed copy of the 2021 IRS Form 1040X, "Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," that was filed with the IRS.
- The student **was the victim of IRS tax-related identity theft, must provide:**
- A Tax Return Database View (TRDBV) transcript obtained from the IRS, or any other IRS tax transcript(s) that includes all of the income and tax information required to be verified; **and**
 - A statement signed and dated by the tax filer indicating that he or she was a victim of IRS tax-related identity theft and that the IRS is aware of the tax-related identity theft.

3. Verification of 2021 Income Information for Student Nontax Filers

 Complete this section if the **student, will not file** and is **not required** to file a 2021 income tax return with the IRS.

Check the box that applies:

- The student (and spouse if married) was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2021.
- The student (and/or spouse if married) was employed in 2021 and has listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2021, and whether an IRS W-2 form is provided. Copies of all 2021 W-2 forms issued to you (and spouse if married) by employers must be provided. *List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form. If more space is needed, attach a separate page with your name and student ID number at the top.*

Employer's Name	2021 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 Provided?
<i>Suzy's Auto Body Shop (example)</i>		<i>Yes</i>

Additionally, you must provide documentation from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2021 that indicates a 2021 income tax return was not filed with the IRS or other relevant tax authority.

_____ Check here if confirmation of non-filing is provided.

Attach it to this document with the student's name and Student ID at the top.

_____ Check here if confirmation of non-filing will be provided later.

Student's Name: _____ Alt ID: _____

D. High School Completion Status

Provide one of the following documents that indicate your high school completion status when the student begins college in 2023– 2024:

- A copy of the student's high school diploma showing when graduated.
- For students who completed secondary education in a foreign country, a copy of the "secondary school leaving certificate" or other similar document.
- A copy of the student's final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
- A state certificate or transcript received by a student after the student passed a State-authorized examination that the State recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma (GED test, HiSET, TASC, or other State-authorized examination).
- An academic transcript that indicates the student successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree.
- For a student who was homeschooled in a state where state law requires the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschooling (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
- For a student who was homeschooled in a state where state law does not require the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschooling (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a transcript, or the equivalent, signed by the student's parent or guardian, that lists the secondary school courses the student completed and includes a statement that the student successfully completed a secondary school education in a homeschool setting.

Check the box that applies:

- The student has submitted a final official transcript or equivalent to the Admissions Office. *The financial aid administrator will use this information for the verification process.*
- The student has not yet submitted a final official transcript or equivalent. *The student's admissions file or the verification process cannot be completed until a final official transcript or equivalent has been received.*

A student who is unable to obtain the documentation listed above must contact the financial aid office. If we have already received one of the documents above as part of the admission process, you do not need to turn in another copy.

C. Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

Student's Name: _____ Alt ID: _____

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by presenting an unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport. The institution will maintain a copy of the student's photo ID that is annotated by the institution with the date it was received and reviewed, and the name of the official at the institution authorized to receive and review the student's ID.

In addition, the student must sign, in the presence of the institutional official, the Statement of Educational Purpose provided below.

To be signed in the presence of a Notary:

If the student is unable to appear in person at the Institution to verify his or her identity, the student must provide to the Institution:

- A. A copy of the unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID) that is acknowledged in the notary statement below, or that is presented to a notary, such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport; and
- B. The original Statement of Educational Purpose provided below, which must be notarized. If the notary statement appears on a separate page than the Statement of Educational Purpose, there must be a clear indication that the Statement of Educational Purpose was the document notarized.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____ am the individual signing this Statement of Educational Purpose
(Print Student's Name)

and that the federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending _____ for 2023-2024.
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

Student's Signature_____
Date_____
Student's ID Number_____
Authorized Institutional Official's Signature_____
Date**Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement**

State of _____ City/County of _____

On _____, before me, _____, personally appeared,
(Date) (Notary's Printed Name)

_____, and provided to me on basis of satisfactory evidence of identification
(Printed Name of Signer)

_____ to be the above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument.
(Type of government-issued photo ID provided)

WITNESS my hand and official seal:

(Notary signature)

(Seal)

My commission expires on _____
(Date)

D. Certification and Signature _____ Alt ID: _____

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

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

Student's Signature_____
Date_____
Spouse's Signature (if applicable)_____
Date

***Do not mail this worksheet to the U.S. Department of Education.
Submit this worksheet to the Office of Financial Services at UFV.***

You should make a copy of this worksheet for your records.