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2023 - 2024 Independent Verification Worksheet

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, we will compare your FAFSA with the information on this institutional verification document and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You must complete and sign this institutional verification document, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to us. We may ask for additional information. This information should be submitted as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

A. Student’s Information

Student’s Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Student ID or Social Security Number
Student’s Street Address (include apt. no.)			Student’s Home Phone or Cell Number
City State Zip Code			Student’s Date of Birth

B. Number of Household Members and Number in College

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 their support from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, even if the children do not live with the student.
- Other people if they now live with the student and the student or spouse provides more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2024.

INCLUDE THE NAME, AGE AND RELATIONSHIP TO ALL INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD!

For any household member who 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, 2023, and June 30, 2024, 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 (Yes or No)
		<i>Self</i>	<i>Southwest Mississippi Community College</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 TAX FILERS

C. Verification of 2021 IRS Income Tax Return Information for Student Tax Filers (COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF STUDENT/SPOUSE FILED A 2021 IRS TAX RETURN)

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.

Instructions: Complete this section if the student and spouse filed a 2021 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](https://fafsa.gov).* In most cases, no further documentation is needed to verify 2021 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/will use the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web* to transfer 2021 IRS income tax return information into the student’s FAFSA.
- 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 **2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2021 1040.**

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."
- 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."
- Automated Telephone Request – 1-800-908-9946
- Paper Request Form – IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T

If 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)** must be provided for each.

STUDENT NON-TAX FILERS

D. Verification of 2021 Income Information for Student Nontax Filers (Not required if completed section C)

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 2021 income tax return with the IRS.

An official confirmation of non-filing must be provided if the student and/or spouse did not file a 2021 IRS Tax Return. A confirmation of non-filing can be obtained from the IRS using Form 4506-T and checking box 7.

Check the box that applies:

- The student and/or spouse were not employed in 2021 and confirmation of non-filing will be provided.
- The student and/or spouse were employed in 2021 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2021, and whether an IRS W-2 form is provided. [Provide copies of all 2021 IRS W-2 forms issued to the student and spouse by their employers]. List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form.

Employer’s Name	IRS W-2 Provided?	Annual Amount Earned in 2021
<i>(Example) ABC’s Auto Body Shop</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>\$4,500.00</i>
Total Amount of Income Earned From Work		\$

E. Certification and Signature

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

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

Student’s Signature

Date

Spouse’s Signature

Date