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2024 - 2025 Independent Verification Worksheet

Your 2024–2025 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.

Family Size - Includes the following:

- The student.
 - The student's spouse, if applicable.
 - The student's dependent children if 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;
 - \circ They receive more than half of their support from the student; and
 - o 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" align with the requirement that family size align with whom 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 2024-2025 FAFSA. As a result, the student should not include any unborn children in the family size.

Full Name	Age	Relationship
		Self

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 2022 IRS Income Tax Return Information for Student Tax Filers (COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF STUDENT/SPOUSE FILED A 2022 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 2022 or had a change in marital status after December 31, 2022.

Instructions: Complete this section if the student and spouse filed or will file a 2022 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 2022 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 2022 income information that was transferred into the student's FAFSA using income and tax information directly from the IRS.

If 2022 income tax return information for the student (or spouse, if applicable) was not available or could not be used, the student should provide the institution with a **2022 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2022 income tax return and applicable schedules**.

A 2022 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be obtained through:

- <u>Get Transcript by Mail</u> Go to 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.
- <u>Get Transcript Online</u> Go to www.irs.gov, click "Get Your Tax Record." Click "Get Transcript Online." Make sure to request the "Return Transcript" and NOT the "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.
- <u>Automated Telephone Request</u> 1-800-908-9946. Transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the telephone request.
- <u>Paper Request Form</u> 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.

STUDENT NON-TAX FILERS

D. Verification of 2022 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 2022 income tax return with the IRS.

Check the box that applies:

The student and spouse were not employed and had no income earned from work in 2022.

□ The student and/or spouse were employed in 2022 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2022, and whether an IRS W-2 form or an equivalent document is provided. [Provide copies of all 2022 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 2022
(Example) ABC's Auto Body Shop	Yes	\$4,500.00
Total Amount of Income Earned From Work	\$	

Provide a signed and dated statement certifying that the individual has not filed and is not required to file a 2022 income tax return, as well as the sources of 2022 income earned from work and the amount of income from each source.

Check here if non-filing statement is signed and dated.

Check here if non-filing statement will be provided later.

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

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