



2020–2021 V5 Verification Worksheet Independent Student

Your 2020–2021 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 and your parent(s) 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 and at least one parent 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.	Last Four Digits of Social Security 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)			Alternate or Cell Phone Number

B. Independent Student's Family Information

List below all 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, 2020 through June 30, 2021, or if the child would be required to provide your information if they were completing a FAFSA for 2020–2021. 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, 2021.

Include the name of the college for any household member listed 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, 2020, and June 30, 2021. *If more space is needed, attach a separate page with your name and last four digits of their Social Security Number at the top.*

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

C. Independent Student's Income Information To Be Verified

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 2018 or had a change in marital status after December 31, 2018.

If the student or spouse filed, or will file, an amended 2018 IRS tax return, a 2018 income tax return with an unusual IRS circumstance, or was the victim of IRS tax-related identity theft they must contact the Office of Financial Aid before completing this section.

Instructions: Complete this section if the student filed or will file a 2018 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 2018 income information that was transferred into the student's FAFSA using the IRS DRT if that information was not changed.

Check the box that applies:

- The student has used the IRS DRT in FAFSA on the Web to transfer 2018 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA.
- The student has not yet used the IRS DRT in FAFSA on the Web, but will use the tool to transfer 2018 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 2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s).

A **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript** may be obtained through:

- Get Transcript by Mail – 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.
- Get Transcript Online – 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.
- 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.

If the student and spouse filed separate 2018 IRS income tax returns, the IRS DRT cannot be used and the **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s), or a signed copy of the 2018 income tax return and applicable schedules** must be provided for each.

_____ Check here if a **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2018 income tax return and applicable schedules** is provided.

_____ Check here if a **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2018 income tax return and applicable schedules** will be provided later.

Student Name: _____

SSN (Last Four Digits) _____

TAX RETURN NON-FILERS— Complete this section if the student (and spouse if married), **will not file** and is **not required** to file a 2018 income tax return with the IRS.

Check the box that applies:

- The student (and/or spouse if married) was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2018.
- The student (and/or spouse if married) was employed in 2018 and has listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2018, and whether an IRS W-2 form or an equivalent document is provided. Copies of all 2018 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, provide a separate page with the student's name and ID number at the top.*

Employer's Name	IRS W-2 or an Equivalent Document Provided?	Annual Amount Earned in 2018
<i>(Example) ABC's Auto Body Shop</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>\$4,500.00</i>
Total Amount of Income Earned From Work		\$

Provide documentation from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2019 that indicates a 2018 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS or other relevant tax authority, or a signed statement certifying that the individual attempted to obtain confirmation of non-filing from the IRS or other relevant tax authority and was unable to obtain the required documentation.

- _____ Check here if confirmation of non-filing or signed statement is provided.
- _____ Check here if confirmation of non-filing will be provided later.

D. High School Completion Status

Provide one of the following documents to indicate the student's high school completion status when the student begins college in 2020–2021:

- A copy of the student's high school diploma.
- 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 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 admissions process, you do not need to turn in another copy.

Student Name: _____

SSN (Last Four Digits) _____

E. Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

To be signed at the Institution:

The student must appear in person at _____ to verify his or her identity
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)
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 _____ to verify his or her
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)
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
(Print Student's Name)

this Statement of Educational Purpose 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 2020–2021.
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

Student's Signature

Date

Student's ID Number

Student Name: _____

SSN (Last Four Digits) _____

F. Certifications and Signature

The 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, sent to prison, or both.

Student's Signature

Date