

## 2020–2021 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 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

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 Student's Last Name

Student's First Name

Student's M.I.

Student's Soc. Sec. # or SCC ID #

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 Student's Primary Phone Number (include area code)

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 Student's Alternate Phone Number

### B. Number of Household Members and Number in College (Independent Student)

**Step 1 - Number of Household Members:** 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 the children's support from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, even if a child does not live with the student.
- Other people if they now live with the student and the student or spouse provides more than half of the other person's support, and will continue to provide more than half of that person's support through June 30, 2021.

**Step 2 - Number in College:** List information about any household member who is, or 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, 2020, and June 30, 2021, and include the name of the college.

STEP 1			STEP 2	
Full Name	Age	Relationship	College Attending in 2020-2021	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time (Y/N)
		<i>Self (Student)</i>		

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

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. Verification of 2018 Income Information for Independent Student Tax Filers

**Skip this page if the student did not file and is not required to file a 2018 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 2018 or had a change in marital status after December 31, 2018.

**Instructions:** Complete this section if the student and spouse filed or will file a 2018 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 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) or a signed copy of the 2018 IRS Tax Return**.

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

- Get Transcript by Mail – Go to [www.irs.gov](https://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](https://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 signed copies of the 2018 IRS Tax Returns** must be provided for each.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if a **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2018 IRS Tax Return(s)** is provided.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if a **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2018 IRS Tax Return(s)** will be provided later.

## D. Verification of 2018 Income Information for Individuals with Unusual Circumstances

### Individuals Granted a Filing Extension by the IRS

An individual who is required to file a 2018 IRS income tax return and has been granted a filing extension by the IRS beyond the automatic six-month extension for tax year 2018, must provide:

- A copy of the IRS's approval of an extension beyond the automatic six-month extension for tax year 2018;
- Verification of Non-filing (VNF) Letter (confirmation that the tax return has not yet been filed) from the IRS dated on or after October 1, 2019 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 or an equivalent document for tax year 2018 and,
- 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 2018.

Note: An individual granted a filing extension beyond the automatic six-month extension may be required to submit tax information using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, by obtaining a transcript from the IRS, or by submitting a copy of the income tax return and the applicable schedules that were filed with the IRS that lists 2018 tax account information.

### Individuals Who Filed an Amended IRS Income Tax Return

An individual who filed an amended IRS income tax return for tax year 2018 must provide a signed copy of the 2018 IRS Form 1040X, "Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," that was filed with the IRS or documentation from the IRS that include the change(s) made by the IRS, in addition to one of the following:

- IRS DRT information on an ISIR record with all tax information from the original tax return; or
- A **2018 IRS 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, or a signed copy of the IRS Form 1040 that was filed with the IRS.

### Individuals Who Were Victims of IRS Tax-Related Identity Theft

An individual who 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.
- If the applicant is unable to obtain the TRDBV, then the school may accept a signed copy of the paper tax return (as long as the school has no reason to doubt the identity of the applicant).

### Individuals Who Filed 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 that the tax authority charges a fee to obtain that information, along with a signed copy of his or her income tax return that was filed with the relevant tax authority.

## E. Verification of 2018 Income Information for Independent Student Nontax Filers

### Skip Section E if the student filed or is required to file a 2018 tax return!

1. 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 2018 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 2018.
- The student and/or spouse were employed in 2018 and have 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. [Provide copies of all 2018 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.

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Employer's Name <b>**Do not complete if the student filed a 2018 tax return.**</b>	IRS W-2 or an Equivalent Document Provided?	Annual Amount Earned in 2018
<i>(Example) ABC's Auto Body Shop</i>	Yes	\$4,500.00
Total Amount of Income Earned From Work		\$

2. 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 nonfiling from the IRS or other relevant tax authority and was unable to obtain the required documentation. If the student is married and neither the student nor spouse filed or was required to file, both the student and spouse must provide confirmation of nonfiling.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if confirmation of nonfiling is provided.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if confirmation of nonfiling will be provided later.

## F. Certifications and Signatures (Independent Student)

### Certifications and Signatures

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, sent to prison, or both.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Print Student's Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Student's Signature (Required)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Signature (Optional)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date