

**2016-2017 Verification Worksheet Independent Student - Tracking Group V1**

Your 2016-2017 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 spouse (if married) 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	MI	Student's SSN or ID Number
Student's Street Address (include apt. no.)			Student's Date of Birth
City	State	Zip	Student's Email Address
Student's Phone Number		Student's Alternate or Cell Phone Number	

**B. Independent Student's Family Information**

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, 2016, through June 30, 2017, 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, 2017.

Number in College: Please include in the space below 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, 2016, and June 30, 2017, 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)
Missy Jones (example)	27	Spouse	Central University	Yes

**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****1. TAX RETURN FILERS**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 2015 or had a change in marital status after the end of the 2015 tax year on December 31, 2015.

**Instructions:** Complete this section if the student and spouse filed or will file a 2015 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](http://FAFSA.gov). In most cases, no further documentation is needed to verify 2015 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 the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web* to transfer 2015 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 2015 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA once the 2015 IRS income tax return has been filed.
- ☐ 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 **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)**.

A **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript** may be obtained through:

- Online Request - Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), under the Tools heading on the IRS homepage, click on the "Get a Transcript by Mail." Click "Get Transcript by MAIL." Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and **NOT** the "IRS Tax Account Transcript."
- Telephone Request - 1-800-908-9946
- Paper Request Form - Use the links to download IRS Form [4506T-EZ](#) or IRS Form [4506-T](#)

When requesting transcripts, use the Social Security Number (or the IRS individual taxpayer identification number) and the date of birth of the first person listed on the 2015 IRS income tax return, and the address on file with the IRS (normally this will be the address used on the 2015 IRS income tax return).

In most cases, for electronic tax return filers, 2015 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 2-3 weeks after the 2015 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2015 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2015 IRS income tax information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 6-8 weeks after the 2015 paper IRS income tax return has been received by the IRS. Contact the financial aid office if more information is needed about using the IRS DRT or obtaining an IRS Tax Return Transcript.

If the student and spouse filed separate 2015 IRS income tax returns, the IRS DRT cannot be used and the **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** must be provided for each.

- ☐ Check here if a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** is provided.
- ☐ Check here if a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** will be provided later.

## 2. Nontax Filers

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 2015 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 2015.
- ☐ The student and/or spouse was employed in 2015 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2015, and whether an IRS W-2 form is provided. [Provide copies of all 2015 IRS W-2 forms issued to the student and/or spouse by their employers]. List every employer even if they did not issue an IRS W-2 form.

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Employer's Name	Annual Amount Earned in 2015	IRS W-2 Attached?
ABC Shipping (example)	\$1,280	Yes

**Note:** We may require you to provide documentation from the IRS that indicates a 2015 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS.

**D. Other Information to Be Verified**

**1. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits, check the box that applies:**

- ☐
No one listed in the household received SNAP benefits in 2014 or 2015.
- ☐
One of the persons listed in household received SNAP benefits in 2014 or 2015.

**Note:** If we have reason to believe that the information regarding the receipt of SNAP benefits is inaccurate, we may require documentation from the agency that issued the SNAP benefits in 2014 or 2015.

**2. Child Support Paid, check the box that applies:**

- ☐
No child support was paid for individuals outside of the household in 2015.
- ☐
The student and/or spouse, who is a member of the student’s household, paid child support in 2015 for a child not included in the student’s household. Provide in the space below the names of the persons who paid the child support, the names of the persons to whom the child support was paid, the names and ages of the children for whom child support was paid, and the total annual amount of child support that was paid in 2015 for each child.

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Name of Person Who Paid Child Support	Name of Person to Whom Child Support was Paid	Name of Child for Whom Support Was Paid	Age of Child for Whom Support was Paid	Amount of Child Support Paid in 2015
Joe Jones	Jane Doe	Jake Jones	5	\$6,000

**Note:** If we have reason to believe that the information regarding child support paid is inaccurate, we may require additional documentation, such as:

- A signed statement from the individual receiving the child support certifying the amount of child support received; or
- Copies of the child support payment checks, money order receipts, or similar records of electronic payment having been made.

**E. Certification and Signatures**

Each person signing this worksheet certifies that all of the information reported on it is complete and correct.

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

The student must sign and date this form.

Student’s Signature
Date

Spouse’s Signature (optional)
Date

**Do not mail this worksheet to the U.S. Department of Education. Submit this worksheet to the financial aid administrator at your school. You should make a copy of this worksheet for your records.**