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2015-2016 Verification Worksheet

Independent Student - Tracking Group V1

Your 2015-2016 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, 2015, through June 30, 2016, 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 the other people's support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2016.

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, 2015, and June 30, 2016, 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
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**

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 2014 or had a change in marital status after the end of the 2014 tax year on December 31, 2014.

Instructions: Complete this section if the student and spouse filed or will file a 2014 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. In most cases, no further documentation is needed to verify 2014 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 2014 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 2014 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA once the 2014 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 a 2014 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s).

A 2014 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be obtained through:

- Online Request - Go to www.irs.gov, under the Tools heading on the IRS homepage, click on the "Get Transcript of Your Tax Records". Click "Get Transcript ONLINE" or "Get Transcript by MAIL." Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and **NOT** the "IRS Tax Account Transcript."
 - IRS2Go App- Make sure to request the "Return Transcript" **NOT** the "Account Transcript"
- Apple Online Store at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/irs2go/id414113282?mt=8>
Google Play at <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.irs>

Use the Social Security Number (or the IRS individual taxpayer identification number) and the date of birth of the first person listed on the 2014 IRS income tax return, and the address on file with the IRS (normally this will be the address used on the 2014 IRS income tax return).

In most cases, for electronic filers, 2014 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 2–3 weeks after the 2014 IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2014 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2014 IRS income tax information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 8–11 weeks after the 2014 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 2014 IRS income tax returns, 2014 IRS Tax Return Transcripts must be provided for both.

- ☐ Check here if a 2014 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) is provided.
- ☐ Check here if a 2014 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) will be provided later.

2. TAX RETURN NONFILERS

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 2014 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 2014.
- ☐ The student and/or spouse was employed in 2014 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2014, and whether an IRS W-2 form is provided. Provide copies of all 2014 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.

If more space is needed, attach a separate page with the student's name and Social Security Number at the top.

Employer's Name	2014 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 Attached?
ABC Shipping (example)	\$1,280	Yes

Student Name: _____

Student ID Number: _____

D. Other Information to Be Verified

1. Check the appropriate box below:

☐ No one listed in the household received SNAP benefits in 2013 or 2014.☐ One of the persons listed in household received SNAP benefits in 2013 or 2014.**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 2013 or 2014.

2. Check the appropriate box below:

☐ No child support was paid for individuals outside of the household in 2014.☐ The student and/or spouse, who is a member of the student's household, paid child support in 2014. 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 2014 for each child. Do not include child support paid for children included in the student's household.*If more space is needed, provide a separate page that includes the student's name and ID number at the top.*

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 2014
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 SignaturesEach 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.*