

2020-2021 Verification Worksheets Independent Student-Tracking Group V1

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 these 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 Last Four Digit of SSN 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 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 the children do not live with the student.
- Other people if they now live with the student and the student or spouse provide more than half of the other people's support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2021.

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, 2020, and June 30, 2021, 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)
		<i>Self</i>	Cooper Union	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

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.ed.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 once the 2018 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 2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript (s).

A 2018 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 A Tax Transcript". 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 4506-EZ or Form 4506-T

Use the Social Security Number (or the IRS individual taxpayer identification number) and the date of birth of the first person listed on the 2018 IRS Income tax return, and the address on file with the IRS (normally this will be the address used on the 2018 IRS income tax return).

In most cases, for electronic filers, 2018 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 2-3 weeks after the 2018 IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2018 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2018 IRS income tax information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 8-11 weeks after the 2018 paper IRS income tax return has been received by the IRS.

If the student and spouse filed separate 2018 IRS income tax return, 2018 IRS Tax Return Transcripts must be provided for both.

- Check here if a 2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript (s) provided.
- Check here if a 2018 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 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 is provided. Provide copies of all 2018 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	2018 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 Attached
ABC Shipping (example)	\$1,280	Yes

D. 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.*