

# 2023–2024 Verification Worksheet

## Independent Student - Tracking Group V5

Your 2023–2024 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**

<i>Student's Last Name</i>	<i>Student's First Name</i>	<i>MI</i>	<i>Student's SSN or ID Number</i>
<i>Student's Street Address (include apt. no.)</i>			<i>Student's Date of Birth</i>
<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>	<i>Student's Email Address</i>
<i>Student's Phone Number</i>		<i>Student's Alternate or Cell Phone Number</i>	

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

Number of Household Members: List below the people in the students' 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024, 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, 2024.

Number in College: Include below information about, any household member who 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, 2023, and June 30, 2024, 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
<i>Missy Jones (example)</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>Spouse</i>	<i>Central University</i>	<i>Yes</i>

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

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

**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 2021 or had a change in marital status after the end of the 2021 tax year on December 31, 2021.

**Instructions:** Complete this section if the student and spouse filed or will file a 2021 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 2021 income information that was transferred into the student's FAFSA using the IRS DRT if that information was not changed.

In most cases, for electronic tax return filers, 2021 IRS income tax return information for the IRS DRT is available within 2–3 weeks after the 2021 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2021 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2021 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT within 8–11 weeks after the 2021 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.

**Check the box that applies:**

- The student has used the IRS DRT in FAFSA on the Web to transfer 2021 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 2021 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA once the 2021 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 2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s).

To obtain a 2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript, go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and click on the "Get Transcript of Your Tax Records" link. Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and not the "IRS Tax Account Transcript." Use the Social Security Number (or the IRS individual taxpayer identification number) and the date of birth of the first person listed on the 2021 IRS income tax return, and the address on file with the IRS (normally this will be the address used on the 2021 IRS income tax return). In most cases, for electronic filers, a 2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be requested from the IRS within 2–3 weeks after the 2021 IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2021 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be requested within 8–11 weeks after the 2021 paper IRS income tax return has been received by the IRS.

If the student and spouse filed separate 2021 IRS income tax returns, 2021 IRS Tax Return Transcripts must be provided for both.

- Check here if a 2021 IRS Tax Return is provided.
- Check here if a 2021 IRS Tax Return will be provided later.

**2. TAX RETURN NONFILERS**

**Instructions:** Complete this section if the student and spouse (if married) will not file and are not required to file a 2021 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 2021.
- The student and/or spouse were employed in 2021 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2021, and whether an IRS W-2 form is attached. Attach copies of all 2021 IRS W-2 forms issued to the student + spouse by 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	2021 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 Attached?
<i>ABC Shipping (example)</i>	<i>\$1,280</i>	<i>Yes</i>

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

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

#### D. High School Completion Status

You must submit documentation of high school completion or an equivalent along with this worksheet.

**Check the box of the document you will attach to this worksheet:**

- High school diploma or high school transcript including graduation date.
  
- A copy of the student's General Educational Development (GED) certificate, an official GED transcript that indicates the student passed the exam, or a state-authorized high school equivalent certificate
  
- For students who completed secondary education in a foreign country, a copy of the "secondary school leaving certificate" or other similar document.
  
- Academic transcript of a successfully completed two-year program acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree.
  
- For a homeschooled student from a state where state law requires the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
  
- For a homeschooled student from a state where state law does not require the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (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.

