

V1 Independent: Standard Verification

2016–2017 Verification Worksheets

FAULKNER STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Independent student is a student who for the 2016–2017 year, meets any of the following criteria from HEA Sec. 480(d):

- was born before January 1, 1993
- is married as of the date he/she files the FAFSA
- will be a graduate or professional student at the start of the award year
- is currently serving on active duty for purposes other than training
- is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- has dependents other than a spouse
- was an orphan, foster child, or ward/ dependent of the court at any time since the age of 13
- is an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship or was when he reached the age of majority in his state
- was determined at any time on or after July 1, 2013, to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.

If you do not meet any of the above conditions do not use this form and call the Financial Aid office

A. Student's Information

_____ Student's Last Name	_____ Student's First Name	_____ Student's M.I.	_____ Student ID Number
_____ Student's Street Address (include apt. no.)			_____ Student's Date of Birth
_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip Code	_____ Student's Campus Email Address
_____ Student's Home Phone Number (include area code)			_____ Student's Alternate or Cell Phone Number

B. Family Information: Answer all questions. DO NOT LEAVE BLANK, as that will delay the processing of your verification.

List the people in your household, including:

- Yourself, and your spouse if you have one
- Your children, if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2016 –June 30, 2017
- Other people, **if** they now live with you **and** you provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2016 –June 30, 2017.
- Student marital status (check one): ___ Never Married ___ Married ___ Separated ___ Divorced

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time
<i>Missy Jones (example)</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Sister</i>	<i>Central University</i>	<i>Yes</i>
		<i>Self</i>		

Note: if you are married the only acceptable filing status for IRS tax returns are: married filing jointly or married filing separately. If using married filing separately, all tax transcripts must be submitted. Other documentation might be required

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C. Receipt of SNAP Benefits (put N/A for not applicable if this section doesn't apply to you)

Receipt of SNAP Benefits (Independent Student)

The student certifies that _____, a member of the student's household, received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) sometime during 2014 or 2015. SNAP may be known by another name in some states. For assistance in determining the name used in a state, please call 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

The student's household includes:

- 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 child'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.

You must provide documentation from the agency to prove SNAP benefits for 2014 or 2015. A receipt showing purchases using SNAP is not acceptable documentation.

D. Child Support Paid (put N/A for not applicable if this section doesn't apply to you)

The student or spouse, who is a member of the student's household, paid child support in 2015. List 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 of the children for whom the child support was paid, and the total annual amount of child support that was paid in 2015 for each child. **Failure to provide the annual support paid will delay your verification. Do not report weekly or monthly amounts.** Children for whom support was paid can't be included in the household for educational purposes.

If more space is needed, provide a separate page that includes the student's name and ID number

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	Annual Amount of Child Support Paid in 2015

Note: Documentation of child support paid must be provided. Examples of acceptable documentation:

- **A statement from the individual receiving the child support certifying the amount of child support received**
- **A copy of divorce decree or separation agreement along with copies of the child support payment checks or money order receipts showing the annual amount that was actually paid in 2015**

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E. Tax Forms and Income Verification

Verification of 2015 Income Information for Student Tax Filers

Important Note: The instructions below apply to the student if a student filed taxes. If did not file skip to non-filing tax section

Instructions: Complete this section if the student 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.* 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 see below.

A 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be obtained through:

- Online Request - Go to www.irs.gov, under the Tools heading on the IRS homepage, click "Get a Tax 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 - IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T

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 return 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.

Verification of 2015 Income Information for Student Nontax Filers

The instructions and certifications below apply to the student. Complete this section if the student will not file and are not required to file a 2015 income tax return with the IRS.

Check the box that applies:

- The student was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2015.
- The student and/or spouse were 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 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	IRS W-2 Provided?	Annual Amount Earned in 2015
<i>(Example) ABC's Auto Body Shop</i>	Yes	<i>\$4,500.00</i>
Total Amount of Income Earned From Work		\$

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.

F. Certification and Signatures

Certification and Signature

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

Print Student's Name

Student's ID Number

Student's Signature (Required)

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.