



2016-2017 Independent Verification Worksheet

What is Verification?

Your FAFSA application was selected by the US Department of Education for a review in a process called "Verification." The Office of Financial Assistance must verify the information you reported on your FAFSA. If there are any differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. The Financial Aid Office cannot make any federal financial aid payments available to you until all verification requirements have been met and the necessary corrections have been made.

What Are the Steps?

1. Complete the IRS Data retrieval through the FAFSA on the Web
2. If you cannot complete Step 1, you may order a TAX RETURN TRANSCRIPT from the Internal Revenue Service online at www.irs.gov or by phone at 1-800-908-9946. Obtain a 2015 Federal IRS Tax Return Transcript for yourself and your spouse is filing separately.
3. Complete and sign this worksheet - you and at least one parent must sign.

A. Student Information

_____		_____	
Legal Last Name	First Name	MI	Social Security Number
_____		_____	
Address (include apt #)		Date of Birth	
_____		_____	
City	State	Zip Code	Cell Phone Number

B. Family Information

- List the people that you (and your spouse) will support between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017. Include yourself, your spouse, and your dependent children. Include other people only if they now live with you and you provide more than half their support and will continue to provide more than half their support from July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017.
- 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.

Name	Age	Relationship	College
		Self	Nichols College

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C. Student (and Spouse) Income Information

Check the appropriate boxes below and provide the requested information and documents.

- The student was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2015.
- The student used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (after my 2015 taxes were completed and processed by the IRS) to transfer my 2015 income information to the FAFSA and did not make changes to that information.
 - If filing separately, please submit a copy of spouse's 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript.
- The student did not (or could not) transfer my 2015 income tax information to the FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. I have attached a copy of my 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s).
 - If filing separately, please submit a copy of spouse's 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript.
- The student (and/or spouse) worked in 2015 but is not required to file a tax return. Please list all sources and earnings below and provide a 2015 W-2 when applicable.

Employer	2015 Amount Earned	W-2 Included
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	

D. Benefit Information

- In 2014 or 2015, I received food stamp (SNAP) benefits. Please attach documentation confirming the receipt of benefits.
- I **paid** child support in the amount of \$ _____ (yearly total) in the year 2015 to _____ (name of adult recipient) for the following children _____ (name each child) residing at _____ (address).

E. Certification

I certify that all the information reported to qualify for Federal student aid is complete and correct. If your purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail or both.

Student's Signature

Date

Spouse's Signature

Date