

# 2025-2026 Independent Standard Verification Worksheet

Your 2025–2026 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 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. Student's Information

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Student's M.I.	Last 4 Digits of Student's Social Security Number
Student's Street Address (include apt. no.)			Student's Date of Birth
City	State	Zip Code	Student's Email Address
Student's Home Phone Number (include area code)			Student's Alternate or Cell Phone Number

## B. Family Size

List below the people in the student's household.

- **The student**
- **The student's spouse if the student is married.**
- **The student's or spouse's dependent children** if they live with student (or live apart because of college enrollment), the student or spouse will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, 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 their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2026.
- The provided criteria for "dependent children" or "other persons" align with the requirement that family size align with whom the student could claim as a dependent on a U.S. tax return if the student were to file a U.S tax return at the time of completing the 2025-2026 FAFSA. As a result, the student should not include any unborn children in the family size.

Full Name	Age	Relationship
		<i>Self</i>

### C. Verification of 2023 Income Information for Student Tax 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 2023 or had a change in marital status after December 31, 2023.

**Instructions:** Complete this section if the student and spouse filed or will file a 2023 IRS income tax return(s). As part of federal student aid eligibility, students, and spouses (as appropriate), will be required to consent and approve sharing and importing income and tax information from the IRS to the FAFSA form, even if the attempt to obtain or use such data is ineffective. In other words, if the student and spouse filed separate 2023 IRS income tax returns, both must provide consent and approval to share and import income and tax information from the IRS. In most cases, no further documentation is needed to verify 2023 income information that was transferred into the student's FAFSA using income and tax information directly from the IRS.

If 2023 income tax return information for the student (or spouse, if applicable) was not available or could not be used, the student should provide the institution with a **2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2023 income tax return and applicable schedules.**

**Check the box that applies:**

- ☐ The student is unable or chooses not to use the IRS sharing consent, and instead will provide the school a **2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2023 tax return & applicable schedules.**

To obtain a **2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript**

- Get Transcript by Mail – Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), click "Get Your Tax Record." Click "Get Transcript by Mail." Make sure to request the "Return Transcript" and **NOT** the "Account Transcript." The transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the online request.
- Get Transcript Online – Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), click "Get Your Tax Record." Click "Get Transcript Online." Make sure to request the "Return Transcript" and **NOT** the "Account Transcript." To use the Get Transcript Online tool, the user must have (1) access to a valid email address, (2) a text-enabled mobile phone (pay-as-you-go plans cannot be used) in the user's name, and (3) specific financial account numbers (such as a credit card number or an account number for a home mortgage or auto loan). The transcript displays online upon successful completion of the IRS's two-step authentication.
- Automated Telephone Request – 1-800-908-9946. Transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the telephone request.
- Paper Request Form – IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T. The transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the paper request form

**Verification of 2023 IRS Income Tax Return Information for Individuals with Unusual Circumstances**

**Individuals Who Filed an Amended IRS Income Tax Return**

If an individual filed an amended IRS income tax return for tax year 2023, provide both of the following:

- A signed copy of the original 2023 IRS income tax return that was filed with the IRS or a **2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript, if available** (signature not required); and
- A signed copy of the 2023 IRS Form 1040X, "Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," that was filed with the IRS.

**Individuals Granted a Filing Extension by the IRS**

An individual who is required to file a 2023 IRS income tax return and has been granted a filing extension by the IRS beyond the automatic six-month extension for tax year 2023, must provide:

- A copy of the IRS's approval of an extension beyond the automatic six-month extension for tax year 2023;
- A copy of IRS Form W-2 for each source of employment income received or an equivalent document for tax year 2023; and
- If self-employed, a signed statement certifying the amount of the individual's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) and the U.S. income tax paid for tax year 2023.

**Verification of 2023 IRS Income Tax Return Information for Individuals Who Were Victims of IRS Identity Theft**

An individual who was the victim of IRS tax-related identity theft must provide:

- A Tax Return DataBase View (TRDBV) transcript obtained from the IRS or, if unable to obtain a TRDBV, an equivalent document provided by the IRS or a copy of the signed 2023 income tax return and applicable schedules the individual filed with the IRS; **and**
- A statement signed and dated by the tax filer indicating that he or she was a victim of IRS tax-related identity theft, and that the IRS is aware of the tax-related identity theft.

**Verification of 2023 Income Tax Return Information for Individuals Who Filed Non-IRS Income Tax Returns**

A tax filer who filed an income tax return with a tax authority other than the IRS may provide a signed copy of his or her income tax return that was filed with the relevant tax authority. However, if we question the accuracy of the information on the signed copy of the income tax return, the tax filer must provide us with a copy of the tax account information issued by the relevant tax authority before verification can be completed.

**Certification and Signature**

Each person signing below certifies that all the information reported is complete and correct. The student whose information was reported on the FAFSA must sign and date.

**WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.**

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Print Student's Name

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Student's Signature (Required)

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Date

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Spouse's Signature (Optional)

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Date