**Independent Tax Filers Verification (V1)**

Your 2016–2017 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, we will compare your FAFSA with the information on this institutional verification document and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You and a parent whose information was reported on the FAFSA must complete and sign this institutional verification document, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to us. We may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact us as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

**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 2015 or had a change in marital status after the end of the 2015 tax year on December 31, 2015.

**Tax Information**: Complete this section if the student and spouse 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 o*f *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.

**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 verification process will not be able to be completed until the financial aid office receives the updated FAFSA.**
* The student is unable or chooses not to use the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, and instead will provide the school a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)**.  **The verification process will not be able to be completed until the financial aid office receives the tax transcript.**

To obtain a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript**, go to www.IRS.gov and click on the “Order a Return or Account Transcript” 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 2015 IRS income tax return, and the address on file with the IRS (normally

this will be the address used on the 2015 IRS income tax return).

If the student and spouse filed separate 2015 IRS income tax returns, **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcripts** must be provided for both individuals.

**Number of Household Members and Number in College**: List below the people in the student’s 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, 2016, through June 30, 2017, 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, 2016.

Include the name of the college that any household member will be enrolled at least half time in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at any time between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017.

If more space is needed, provide a separate page with the student’s name and ID number at the top.

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| Full Name | Age | Relationship | College | Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time(Yes or No) |
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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.

**SNAP Verification (If Applicable)**

The student certifies that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a member of the student’s household, received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) 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).

Note: If we have reason to believe that the information regarding the receipt of SNAP benefits is inaccurate, we may require documentation from the agency that issued the SNAP benefits in 2014 or 2015.

**Child Support Paid:** If the student or spouse, who is a member of the student’s household, paid child support in 2015. List below the names of the person who paid the child support, the names of the person to whom the child support was paid, the names and ages 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.

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| Name of Person Who Paid Child Support | Name of Person to Whom Child Support was Paid | Name and Age of Child for Whom Support Was Paid | Amount of Child Support Paid in 2015 |
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Note: If we have reason to believe that the information regarding child support paid is not accurate, we may require additional documentation, such as:

* A copy of the separation agreement or divorce decree that shows the amount of child support to be provided;
* A signed statement from the individual receiving the child support certifying the amount of child support received; or

Copies of the child support payment checks, money order receipts, or similar records of electronic payments having been made

**Certification and Signature**

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

Each person signing below certifies that all of the

information reported is complete and correct.

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Print Student’s Name Student’s ID Number

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Student’s Signature (Required) Date

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Spouse’s Signature (Optional) Date