



2025-2026 Independent 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. Upon review, 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.

Step 1: Independent Student Information

Form with fields for Last Name, First Name, Student ID Number, Date of Birth, Permanent Address, City, State, Zip, Permanent Phone Number, Cell Phone Number, and Email Address.

Step 2: Student’s Family Size

Include:

- You, the student
• Your spouse, if married
• Your children, if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, even if you do not claim them on your 2023 federal income tax return
• Other people only if they live in your household and you provide more than half of their support and will continue to do so from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026

Table with 3 columns: Full Name, Age, Relationship. The first row has 'Self' in the Relationship column.

**Step 3: Income Verification – check the box that applies**

Student Spouse

		I/we manually entered tax information. <b>Attach a 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2023 Fed Income Tax Return and applicable schedules 1,2, or 3.</b>
		I/we certify that I/we did not file, will not, and am/are not required to file a 2023 U.S. Income Tax Return, <b>Attach a copy of the IRS Non-Filer Letter.</b> Copies of all W-2 forms must be submitted along with the employer info filled out below. Confirmation of non-filing can be obtained from the IRS using Form 4506-T and checking box 7.

**\*IMPORTANT: fill out if you DID NOT file 2023 taxes**

**Only complete the below section if you DID NOT file a tax return for 2023 and have wages to report**

*List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form. If more space is needed, attach a separate page with your name and SSN at the top.*

Employer’s Name	2023 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 Attached?
<i>Suzy’s Bakery (example- If you did not file taxes)</i>	<i>\$2,000.00(example)</i>	<i>Yes(example)</i>

**Step 4: Certification and Signature**

**By signing this worksheet, I certify that all information provided on this form and the attached documentation is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.**

**Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.**

**\*Note – a typed signature cannot be accepted.**

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Print Student’s Name

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Student’s ID Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

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Date