

## 2017–2018 Verification Worksheet — Independent

Your 2017–2018 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.

### A. Independent Student's Information

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Student's M.I.	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. Independent Student's Family Information - List below the people in your household. Include:

- Yourself.
- Your spouse, if you are married.
- Your children, if any, if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018
- Other people if they now live with you and **you (*the student*) provide more than half of their support.**

Include the name of the college for any household member who will be enrolled at least half time, in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at a postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time
<i>Marty Jones(example)</i>	28	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Central University</i>	<i>Yes</i>
		<b>Self</b>		

### B. Independent Student's Income Information - Complete Section # 1 or # 2 below (not both)

#### Section # 1 - TAX RETURN FILERS

**Instructions:** Complete this section if you, the student, **filed or will file** a 2015 income tax return with the IRS. *The best way to verify income is by using **the IRS Data Retrieval Tool** that is part of FAFSA on the Web. If you have not already used the tool, go to [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov), log in to your FAFSA record, select "Make FAFSA Corrections," and navigate to the Financial Information section of the form. From there, follow the instructions to determine if you are eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer 2015 IRS income tax information into your FAFSA. It takes up to two weeks for IRS income information to be available for the IRS Data Retrieval Tool for electronic IRS tax return filers, and up to eight weeks for paper IRS tax return filers.*

**Check the box that applies:**

- I, the student, have used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web to transfer my (and, if married, my spouse's) 2015 IRS income information into my FAFSA,

I, the student, (and/or the student's spouse if married) am unable or choose not to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web, and I will submit to the school **2015 IRS tax return transcript(s)**. *To obtain an IRS tax return transcript go to [www.IRS.gov](http://www.IRS.gov) and click on the "Get a Tax Transcript" link, or call 1-800-908-9946. Make sure you order the "**Tax return transcript**" and not the "Account transcript."*

**Section #2 - TAX RETURN NONFILERS.**

**Instructions:** *Complete this section if you, the student (and, if married, your spouse), will not file and are not required to file a 2015 income tax return with the IRS. Check only one box that applies:*

I, the student (and/or the student's spouse if married) was not employed and am not required to file a 2015 Federal IRS Tax Return. **Must attach a 2015 IRS Verification of Non-filing Letter.** A free IRS Verification of Non-Filing Letter can be obtained from the IRS.

The student (and/or the student's spouse if married) was employed in 2015. List the names of all employers and amount earned from each employer. Must attach copies of all 2015W-2 forms issued to you (and to your spouse) by employers.

Employer's Name	2015 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 Attached?
<i>Suzy's Auto Body Shop (example)</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>	<i>Yes</i>

**C. Independent Student's - Other Information to Be Verified**

Complete this section if someone in the student's household (listed in Section B) received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) any time during the 2015 or 2016 calendar year.

\_\_\_ **YES...** **MUST** attach documentation for the benefit during the calendar year(s) \_\_\_ **NO...**

**D. Complete this section if you or your spouse, if married, paid child support in 2015.**

Did you pay child support because of divorce or separation during the calendar year 2015? (Do not include support for children included in household size). Indicated below the name of the person who paid the child support, the name of the person to whom the child support was paid, the names of the children for whom child support was paid, and the total annual amount of child support that was paid in 2015 for each child.

Name of Person Who Paid Child Support	Name of Person to Whom Child Support was Paid	Name of Child for Whom Support Was Paid	Amount of Child Support Paid in 2015
<i>Marty Jones(example)</i>	<i>Chris Smith</i>	<i>Terry Jones</i>	<i>\$6,000.00</i>

**E. Certification and Signature**

I certify that all of the information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct. The student must sign this worksheet. If married, the spouse's signature is optional.

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

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Student's Signature

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Date

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Spouse's Signature (Optional)

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Date