

## **Independent Federal Verification Worksheet**

2020-2021 Academic Year

Your 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. We are required by law to review selected FAFSA applications with actual tax documentation before disbursing federal student aid. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. Complete ALL sections of this worksheet, attach all required tax documentation, and return to the Financial Aid Office promptly. Incomplete forms and missing tax documents will delay processing. Once verification is completed, there may or may not be changes to your financial aid award. You will be notified of any changes. Failure to comply with this request will result in federal/state award(s) being cancelled.

Last Name	First Name	MI	Student ID or SSN #	
Address (include apt. #)			Date of Birth	
City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number	
B. Household and Colle	ge Information			

Number of Household Members: List below the people in your household. Include:

- Yourself
- Your spouse (if married)
- Your children, if any, and if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, even if the child does not live with you.
- Other people if they now live with you and you provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2021.

Write the names of all household members. Also write the name of the college for any household member who will be enrolled, at least half-time in a degree or certificate program at an eligible postsecondary educational institution between July 1, 2020 and June **30, 2021**. If more space is needed, attach a separate page.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Will be enrolled at least half-time (Yes or No)
Jane Doe (example)	18	Self	University of Charleston	Yes

## Instructions for Section C

**Tax Filers**: The best and preferred way to verify your 2018 tax information is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) within the FAFSA. For security and privacy, all information transferred from the DRT feature will be masked, and students will see "Transferred from the IRS." Follow the instructions to determine if you are eligible to use the DRT to transfer 2018 IRS income tax information into the FAFSA. Married students who file separate 2018 IRS income tax returns, the DRT cannot be used, and the tax information will be entered manually exactly as it appeared on your tax return. Do this for both student and spouse, if applicable.

If you were unable to use the DRT at the time the FAFSA was filed, you may provide a copy of the **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) for each tax filer**. If you are married, or unmarried and living together, and filed separate returns, tax transcripts are required. If a tax return transcript in unavailable, please contact the financial aid office for more information.

A 2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be obtained through the following methods:

- Online Request www.irs.gov -> "Get My Tax Record" -> "Get Transcript Online" or "Get Transcript by Mail."
- **Telephone Request** 1.800.908.9946 -> Request an IRS Tax Return Transcript, (**NOT** the IRS Tax Account Transcript).
- Paper Request Form IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T

**Amended Tax Returns**: If you and/or your spouse filed an amended 2018 IRS income tax return (1040X), submit a signed copy in addition to a 2018 tax return transcript.

**Tax Extensions**: If you and/or your spouse, if married, filed a tax extension for 2018 and have not yet filed, please contact our office for next steps.

Non-Tax Filers: If you and/or your spouse, if married, did not, will not, and were not required to file a 2018 IRS income tax return, request and attach a copy of you and/or your spouse's 2018 IRS Verification of Non-Filing Letter. To obtain a 2018 verification non-filing letter, go to <a href="www.irs.gov">www.irs.gov</a>, select "Get My Tax Record," click "Get Transcript Online." Attach copies of any 2018 W-2(s) of the non-tax filer.

c.	Studen	t Income Information: Check the box that applie	S.								
		My income was reported on my FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. Date DRT was used/									
		I filed a 2018 IRS income tax return but could not use the DRT. Attached is a copy of my 2018 IRS tax return transcript.									
		I did NOT work, did not and was not required to file a 2018 IRS income tax return.									
		☐ I did NOT, and was not required to file an IRS return, BUT earned income in 2018. Complete the following chart and attach applicable 2018 W-2(s).									
		Student Source of Income for Non-Tax Filer	s 2018 Amount	Earned	W-2 Attached (Yes or no	)					
Certification and Signatures Each person signing this document certifies that all information reported on this form and any attachments to this form are complete and accurate.											
	Student	: Signature Date		Spouse S	ignature (optional)	Date					