



2026-2027 Independent Verification Worksheet

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Family size includes the following:

- The student
- The student’s spouse, if applicable
- The student’s dependent children if all of the following are true:
 - They live with the student (or live apart because of college enrollment);
 - They receive more than half of their support from the student; and
 - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year.
- Other persons if the following are true:
 - They live with the student;
 - They receive more than half of their support from the student; and
 - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year.

The provided criteria for “dependent children” or “other persons” mirror the requirement that family size align with those 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 2026-2027 FAFSA. As a result, the student should not include any unborn children in the family size.

Full Name of Family Member	Age	Relationship
<i>(Example) Mary Smith</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Self</i>
<i>(Example) John Smith</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Son</i>

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

By signing this worksheet, I certify that all of the information provided is complete and correct.

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

Student Signature

Date