

# 2016-2017 Verification Worksheet Independent Student (V1 or V5)

## A. Student Information

Student's Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Student's Identification (ID) Number <i>(Not SSN or DL number)</i>
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/Cell Number

## B. Student's Family Information

**Important Note:** Please include **everyone** in the student's household, not just those who are or will be attending college. See directions below for details.

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 child/ren 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, 2017.
- Number in College: Include below information about, any household member who is, or will be, enrolled at least half time in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at an eligible postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017, include the name of the college. (If more space is needed, provide a separate page with the student's name and ID number at the top.)

Full Name	Age	Relationship to student	College (only if attending college)	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time (Yes or No)
		<i>Self</i>		

**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.

### C. Verification of 2015 Income Information for Student Tax Filers

**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 December 31, 2015.*

**Instructions:** 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 of 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 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)**.

A **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript** may be obtained through:

- Online Request - Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), under the Tools heading on the IRS homepage, click "Get a Tax Transcript by Mail." Click "Get Transcript by MAIL." Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and **NOT** the "IRS Tax Account Transcript."
- Telephone Request - 1-800-908-9946
- Paper Request Form - IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T

*In most cases, electronic tax return filers are able to access their 2015 IRS income tax return information via the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within **2–3 weeks** after their 2015 electronic IRS tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for paper filers of 2015 IRS tax returns, the 2015 tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within **6–8 weeks** after the 2015 paper IRS income tax return has been received by the IRS.*

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

- \_\_\_ Check here if a 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) is provided.
- \_\_\_ Check here if a 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) will be provided later.

## **Attention: Only complete Section D below if you and/or your spouse DID NOT file taxes in 2015!**

### D. Verification of 2015 Income Information for Student Nontax Filers

The instructions and certifications below apply to the student and spouse, if the student is married. Complete this section if the student and spouse will not file and are not required to file a 2015 income tax return with the IRS.

**Check the box that applies:**

- The student and spouse were not employed and had no income earned from work in 2015.
- The student and/or spouse were employed in 2015 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2015, and whether an IRS W-2 form is provided. [Provide copies of all 2015 IRS W-2 forms issued to the student and spouse by their employers]. List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form:

Employer's Name	Annual Amount Earned in 2015	IRS W-2 Provided?
<i>ABC's Auto Body Shop (example)</i>	<i>\$4,500.00</i>	<i>Yes</i>
Total Amount of Income Earned From Work	\$	

**Note:** *We may require you to provide documentation from the IRS that indicates a 2015 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS.*

### E. Receipt of SNAP Benefits

The student certifies that \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the student's household, received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) 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. See Section B to determine who is considered a part of the student's household.

### F. Child Support Paid

If the student and/or spouse, who is a member of the student's household, paid child support in 2015, provide in the space below the names of the persons who paid the child support, the names of the persons 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.

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	Annual Amount of Child Support Paid in 2015
Total Amount of Child Support Paid			\$

**Note:** If we have reason to believe that the information regarding child support paid is inaccurate, we may require additional documentation.

### G. Certification and Signature

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Student's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's ID Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature (Required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Signature (Optional)

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Date