Verification information

What is verification and why was I selected?

Verification is the process by which certain required information on the FAFSA is reviewed for accuracy and completeness.

Students are selected for verification for one of the following reasons:
- The Central Processing System found inconsistencies and/or potential errors in the student’s FAFSA
- Random selection
- School selection

Steps to complete verification:
1. Collect income tax and other required documents
2. Review SAR to determine if there are any requests for documentation
3. Complete all sections of this worksheet, sign it, and send the completed worksheet, income tax and other official documentation to the financial aid office at your school.

The financial aid office will notify you if there is additional documentation needed or any other questions to be answered. After verification is complete, you will be notified about the amount of financial aid you are eligible to receive.

The financial aid office cannot process your financial aid package until verification has been completed, so it is imperative that you provide the required documents as soon as possible.
The instructions and certifications below apply to each parent included in the household. Complete this section if the parents will not file and are not required to file a 2013 income tax return with the IRS.

**Check the box that applies:**

- [ ] Neither parent was employed and had no income earned from work in 2013.
- [ ] One or both parents were employed in 2013 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2013, and whether an IRS W-2 form is provided. [Provide copies of all 2013 IRS W-2 forms issued to the parents by their employers]. List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form.

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

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<th>Employer’s Name</th>
<th>2013 Amount Earned</th>
<th>IRS W-2 Provided?</th>
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<td><em>Suzy’s Auto Body Shop (example)</em></td>
<td>$2,000.00</td>
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Note: We may require you to provide documentation from the IRS that indicates a 2013 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS.

### Number of Household Members and Number in College

**Number of Household Members:** List below the people in the parents’ household. Include:

- The student.
- The parents (including a stepparent) even if the student doesn’t live with the parents.
- The parents’ other children if the parents will provide more than half of the children’s support from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, or if the other children would be required to provide parental information if they were completing a FAFSA for 2014–2015. Include children who meet either of these standards even if the children do not live with the parents.
- Other people if they now live with the parents and the parents provide more than half of the other people’s support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2015.

**Number in College:** Include below information about any household member, excluding the parents, who 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, 2014 and June 30, 2015, include the name of the college.

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<th>Full Name</th>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Relationship</th>
<th>College</th>
<th>Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time (Yes or No)</th>
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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.

**Child Support Paid**

One of the parents included in the household or the student paid child support in 2013. List 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 of the children for whom the child support was paid, and the total annual amount of child support that was paid in 2013 for each child.

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<th>Name of Person Who Paid Child Support</th>
<th>Name of Person to Whom Child Support was Paid</th>
<th>Name of Child for Whom Support Was Paid</th>
<th>Amount of Child Support Paid in 2013</th>
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Note: If we have reason to believe that the information regarding child support paid is not accurate, we may require additional documentation, such as:

- A copy of the separation agreement or divorce decree that shows the amount of child support to be provided;
- A signed statement from the individual receiving the child support certifying the amount of child support received; or

Copies of the child support payment checks, money order receipts, or similar records of electronic payments having been made.

Student’s Name _______________________________  Student’s ID Number ________________

**Receipt of SNAP Benefits**

The parents certify that ____________________________, a member of the parents’ household, received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) sometime during 2012 or 2013. 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).
The parents’ household includes:

- The student.
- The parents (including a stepparent) even if the student doesn’t live with the parents.
- The parents’ other children if the parents will provide more than half of the children’s support from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, or if the other children would be required to provide parental information if they were completing a FAFSA for 2014–2015. Include children who meet either of these standards even if the children do not live with the parents.
- Other people if they now live with the parents and the parents provide more than half of the other people’s support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2015.

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 2012 or 2013.

**High School Completion Status**

Provide one of the following documents that indicate the student’s high school completion status when the student will begin college in 2014–2015:

- A copy of the student’s high school diploma.
- A copy of the student’s final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
- A copy of the student’s General Educational Development (GED) certificate, an official GED transcript that indicates the student passed the exam, or a state-authorized high school equivalent certificate.
- For students who completed secondary education in a foreign country, a copy of the “secondary school leaving certificate” or other similar document.
- An academic transcript that indicates the student successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor’s degree.
- For a homeschooled student from a state where state law requires the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
- For a homeschooled student from a state where state law does not require the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a transcript or the equivalent, signed by the student’s parent or guardian, that lists the secondary school courses the student completed and includes a statement that the student successfully completed a secondary school education in a homeschool setting.

A student who is unable to obtain the documentation listed above must contact the financial aid office.

If the student is unable to obtain the documentation listed above, he or she must contact the financial aid office.
Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose
(To Be Signed at the Institution)

The student must appear in person at ______________________________ to verify his or her identity by presenting a valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver’s license, other state-issued ID, or passport. The institution will maintain a copy of the student’s photo ID that is annotated by the institution with the date it was received and reviewed and the name of the official at the institution authorized to collect the student’s ID.

In addition, the student must sign, in the presence of the institutional official, the following English or Spanish Statement:

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I ________________________________ am the individual signing this Statement of Educational Purpose and that the Federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending ________________________________ for 2014-2015.

(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

_______________________________________    ________________
(Student’s Signature)                     (Date)

____________________
(Student’s ID Number)

Declaración de Propósito Educativo

Certifico que yo, ________________________________, soy el individuo que firma esta Declaración de Finalidad Educativa y que la ayuda financiera federal estudiantil que yo pueda recibir, sólo será utilizada para fines educativos y para pagar el costo de asistir a ________________________________ para 2014–2015.

(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

_______________________________________    ________________
[Firma del Estudiante]                     [la Fecha]

[Número de Identificación del Estudiante]
Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose
(To Be Signed With Notary)

If the student is unable to appear in person at __________________________
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)
to verify his or her identity, the student must provide:

(a) A copy of the valid government-issued photo identification (ID) that is acknowledged in the notary
    statement below, such as, but not limited to a driver’s license, other state-issued ID, or passport; and

(b) The original notarized Statement of Educational Purpose (in English or Spanish) provided
    below.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____________________________ am the individual signing this
(Print Student’s Name)
Statement of Educational Purpose and that the Federal student financial assistance
I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

______________________________    _______________
(Student’s Signature)            (Date)

______________________________
(Student’s ID Number)

Declaración de Propósito Educativo

Certifico que yo, _____________________________, soy el individuo que firma esta
[Imprimir Nombre del Estudiante]
Declaración de Finalidad Educativa y que la ayuda financiera federal estudiantil
que yo pueda recibir, sólo será utilizada para fines educativos y para pagar el
costo de asistir a ____________________________ para 2014–2015.
[Imprimir Nombre de Institución Educativa Postsecundaria]

______________________________    _______________
[Firma del Estudiante]            [la Fecha]

______________________________
[Número de Identificación del Estudiante]
Sample of a Notary’s Certificate of Acknowledgement

Notary’s certification may vary by State

State of ____________________________________________
City/County of ____________________________________________
On __________________________, before me, __________________________, (Notary’s name)
(Date) personally appeared, ________________________________________, (Printed name of signer)
(Date) on basis of satisfactory evidence of identification____________________________________
(Type of government-issued photo ID provided) to be the above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal
(seal) ____________________________________________
(Notary signature) My commission expires on ______________________
(Date)

Certifications and Signatures

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct. The student and one parent whose information was reported on the FAFSA must sign and date.

Signature(s) Required

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

________________________________________
Print Student’s Name

________________________________________
Student’s ID Number

________________________________________
Student’s Signature

________________________________________
Date

________________________________________
Parent’s Signature

________________________________________
Date