

V1 Independent: Standard Verification

2017–2018 Verification Worksheets Coastal Alabama Community College

Independent student is a student who for the 2017–2018 year meets any of the following criteria from HEA Sec. 480(d):

- was born before January 1, 1994
- is married as of the date he/she files the FAFSA
- will be a graduate or professional student at the start of the award year
- is currently serving on active duty for purposes other than training
- is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- has dependents other than a spouse
- was an orphan, foster child, or ward/ dependent of the court at any time since the age of 13
- is an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship or was when he reached the age of majority in his state
- was determined at any time on or after July 1, 2013, to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.

If you do not meet any of the above conditions do not use this form and call the Financial Aid office

A. Student's Information

Student's Last Name Student's First Name Student's M.I.

Student ID Number

Student's Street Address (include apt. no.)

Student's Date of Birth

City State Zip Code

Student's Campus Email Address

Student's Home Phone Number (include area code)

Campus Location Attending

B. Family Information: Answer all questions do not leave blank, as that will delay the processing of your verification.

List the people in your household, including:

- Yourself, and your spouse if you have one
- Your children, if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2017 –June 30, 2018
- 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 from July 1, 2017 –June 30, 2018.

Student marital status: ___ Never Married ___ Married _____ Separated ___ Divorced

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time
<i>Missy Jones (example)</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Sister</i>	<i>Central University</i>	<i>Yes</i>
		<i>Self</i>		

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C. Tax Forms and Income Verification 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 by the FAFSA filer.

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.
- The student is unable or chooses not to use the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, and instead will provide the school with a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)**.

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

- Get Transcript by MAIL – Go to www.irs.gov, under the Tools heading, click "Get a tax transcript." Click "Get Transcript by MAIL." Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and **NOT** the "IRS Tax Account Transcript."
- Get Transcript ONLINE – Go to www.irs.gov, under the Tools heading, click "Get a tax transcript." Click "Get Transcript ONLINE." Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and **NOT** the "IRS Tax Account Transcript."
- Automated Telephone Request – 1-800-908-9946
- Paper Request Form – IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T

In most cases, for electronic tax return filers, 2015 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 2–3 weeks after the 2015 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2015 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2015 IRS income 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. Contact the financial aid office if more information is needed about using the IRS DRT or obtaining an IRS Tax Return Transcript.

If the student and spouse filed separate 2015 IRS income tax returns, the IRS DRT cannot be used and the **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** 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.

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Individuals Who Filed an Amended IRS Income Tax Return

An individual who filed an amended IRS income tax return for tax year 2015 must provide:

- A **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript** (that will only include information from the original tax return and does not have to be signed), or any other IRS tax transcript(s) that includes all of the income and tax information required to be verified; **and**
- A signed copy of the 2015 IRS Form 1040X, "Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," that was filed with the IRS.

Individuals Who Were Victims of IRS Tax-Related Identity Theft

An individual who was the victim of IRS tax-related identity theft must provide:

- A Tax Return DataBase View (TRDBV) transcript obtained from the IRS, or any other IRS tax transcript(s) that includes all of the income and tax information required to be verified; **and**
- A statement signed and dated by the tax filer indicating that he or she was a victim of IRS tax-related identity theft and that the IRS is aware of the tax-related identity theft.

Individuals Who Filed Non-IRS Income Tax Returns

- A tax filer who filed an income tax return with Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands may provide a signed copy of his or her income tax return that was filed with the relevant tax authority. However, if we question the accuracy of the information on the signed copy of the income tax return, the tax filer must provide us with a copy of the tax account information issued by the relevant tax authority before verification can be completed.
- A tax filer who filed an income tax return with the tax authority for American Samoa must provide a copy of his or her tax account information.
- A tax filer who filed an income tax return with tax authorities not mentioned above, i.e. a foreign tax authority, and who indicates that he or she is unable to obtain the tax account information free of charge, must provide documentation that the tax authority charges a fee to obtain that information, along with a signed copy of his or her income tax return that was filed with the relevant tax authority.

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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 and will need to provide a verification letter from the IRS attesting to the non-filing status.

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.

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

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

Provide documentation from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2016 that indicates a 2015 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS or other relevant tax authority.

- ___ Check here if confirmation of nonfiling is provided.
- ___ Check here if confirmation of nonfiling will be provided later.

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E. Certification and Signatures

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, be sentenced to jail, or both.

Print Student's Name

Student's ID Number

Student's Signature (Required)

Date

Spouse's Signature (Optional)

Date

*Do not mail this worksheet to the U.S. Department of Education.
Submit this worksheet to the financial aid administrator at your school
You should make a copy of this worksheet for your records.*

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