

2025-26 Federal Verification Worksheet Independent Students

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What is Verification?

Your application was selected by the U.S. Department of Education for Office of Financial Aid must compare information from your FAFSA with information you provide on this worksheet and other documents. If there are differences between your application information and the documents you submit, your application may need to be reprocessed. The Office of Financial Aid cannot make any federal financial aid payments available to you or process a student loan request until all verification requirements have been met and the necessary corrections have been made.

What You Should Do:

The U.S. Department of Education (Doe) has selected your FAFSA for verification. You must provide the necessary documents to verify the information you provided on your FAFSA. You must print on demand a **TAX RETURN TRANSCRIPT** from the Internal Revenue Service at www.irs.gov under Get a Tax Transcript then Get Transcript Online. You can also order a **TAX RETURN TRANSCRIPT** from the Internal Revenue Service online at www.irs.gov or by phone at 1-800-908-9946. Obtain a **2023 Federal IRS Tax Return Transcript** for yourself and your spouse (if married). **Note: If you used the IRS Data Retrieval tool to transfer your IRS income data to your FAFSA, you may not have to submit the IRS Tax Return Transcript.**

