

2025-2026 Independent Verification Worksheet

Your application was selected for review in a process called “Verification.” The U.S. Department of Education mandates verification, which requires schools to gather additional documentation to check the accuracy of information submitted on the FAFSA.

To facilitate this process, you must complete and submit a signed **2025-2026 Dependent Student Verification Worksheet** (see below) and certain other forms of income documentation to the Financial Aid Office.

The income tax documents that we accept are based on policy put forth by the U.S. Department of Education. We can only accept either:

- **An updated FAFSA using the IRS Direct Data Exchange (DDX), OR**
- **A 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript**

If you did not use the **IRS Direct Data Exchange** when completing the FAFSA, we encourage you to go back to **studentaid.gov** and update your tax information via the **IRS Direct Data Exchange (DDX)**. This is significantly faster than requesting a tax return transcript from the IRS.

To Obtain a Tax Return Transcript from the IRS

1. Go to www.irs.gov/transcript
 - a. Click ‘Get Transcript Online.’
 - b. Create an account.
 - c. **Select ‘Return Transcript’ for Tax Year ‘2023’. Do not select the ‘Account Transcript.’**
 - d. Print a PDF copy of the transcript.
2. Go to www.irs.gov/transcript
 - a. Click ‘Get Transcript by Mail.’
 - b. Provide the date of birth, address, and SSN of persons listed on the 2023 IRS Income Tax Return.
 - c. **Select ‘Return Transcript’ for Tax Year ‘2023’. Do not select the ‘Account Transcript.’**
 - d. The transcript will be mailed to the address on the Return.
3. Call the IRS at 1-800-908-9946.

*If your parent(s)/marital partners filed separate 2023 IRS Income Tax Returns, Tax Returns for both are required to complete the verification process.

*If your parent(s)/marital partners were not required to file a 2023 IRS Income Tax Return: Submit a 2023 IRS Verification of Non-filing Letter dated on/after October 1, 2024.

Individuals Who Were Victims of IRS Tax-Related Identity Theft

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

1. A **Tax Return Database View (TRDBV) transcript** obtained from the IRS for the year 2023; contact the IRS at 1-800-908-4490;
2. 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 an Amended IRS Income Tax Return

An individual who filed an amended IRS income tax return for tax year 2023 must provide **both** of the following:

1. A **2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript** (signature not required); OR a **signed copy of the 2023 Income Tax Return and All Schedules you and your parents completed: AND**
2. A **signed copy of the 2023 IRS Form 1040X, “Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return,”** was filed with the IRS.

Individuals Who Filed Non-IRS Income Tax Returns

A tax filer who filed a 2023 income tax return with a tax authority other than the IRS 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.

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Please complete all sections in blue or black ink.

A. INDEPENDENT STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	M. I.	Student ID
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Address	City	State	Zip
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Telephone Number	Date of Birth (<i>Month and Day Only</i>)
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B. INDEPENDENT STUDENT FAMILY INFORMATION

List the People in your household, including:

- Yourself
- Your spouse (*if you are married*)
- Your children if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2025, through July 30, 2026.
- Other people only if they now live in your household and you provide more than half of their support and will continue to do so through June 30, 2025. Attach a separate page if the space below is insufficient

You must complete each column for every household member listed:

Name	Age	Relationship (<i>to student</i>)	College Attending	Enrolled at least half- time? (<i>Y or N</i>)
		Self	Durham Tech	

C. INDEPENDENT STUDENT 2023 INCOME INFORMATION

Choose YES or NO:

 Yes, the student has filed or will be required to file a 2023 IRS Income Tax Return. Check one box below.

- I used** the IRS DDX to transfer 2023 IRS income tax information to the FAFSA without making subsequent changes.
- I did not** use the IRS DDX OR make subsequent changes to changes to IRS data. You must submit a 2023 IRS Transcript.

 No, the student has not filed and is not required to file a 2023 IRS Income Tax Return. Please check one box below. You must also submit a 2023 IRS Verification of Non-filing Letter dated on/after October 1, 2024. To obtain this form go to www.irs.gov/transcript.

- I was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2023.
- I was employed in 2023. List below all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2023, and submit copies of all W-2 forms and/or 1099's issued by an employer. List every employer and amounts earned, even if an employer did not issue a W-2; examples include babysitting, yard work, dog walking, etc. If you did not keep a copy of your W-2, please contact your employer.

Source of Income/Employer's Name	2023 Amount Earned	2023 IRS W-2 or 1099 Attached?

D. SPOUSE'S INCOME INFORMATION

Choose YES or NO

 Yes, the spouse has filed or will be required to file a 2023 IRS Income Tax Return. Please check one box below.

- I used the IRS DDX to transfer 2023 IRS income tax information to the FAFSA without making subsequent changes.
- I did not use the IRS DDX OR make subsequent changes to IRS data. You must submit a 2023 IRS transcript.

 No, the spouse has not and is not required to file a 2023 IRS Income Tax Return. Please check one box below. You must also submit a 2023 IRS Verification of Non-filing Letter dated on/after October 1, 2024. To obtain this form go to www.irs.gov/transcript.

- The spouse was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2023.
- The spouse was employed in 2023 List below all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2023, and submit copies of all W-2 forms and/or 1099's issued by an employer. List every employer and amounts earned, even if an employer did not issue a W-2; examples include babysitting, yard work, dog walking, etc. If you did not keep a copy of your W-2, please contact your employer.

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E. **Certification:** By signing this worksheet, I certify all the information reported is complete and correct:

Student Signature

Date

Spouse Signature

Date