

# 2016–2017 Verification Worksheet

## (V1) Independent Student

Your 2016–2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. The law says that before awarding Federal Student Aid, we may ask you to confirm the information you reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information we will compare your FAFSA with the information on this worksheet and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to the Student Administrative Services Office in the Conlan Center. If you have any questions about verification, please contact our office as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed. Our phone number is 513-244-4418.

### A. Independent Student's Information

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 Student's Last Name                      Student's First Name                      Student's M.I.                      Student's Social Security Number or ID Number

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 Student's Street Address (include apt. no.)                      Student's Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
 City                      State                      Zip Code                      Student's Email Address

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 Student's Home Phone Number (include area code)                      Student's Alternate or Cell Phone Number  
 (include area code)

### B. Independent Student's Family Information

List below the people in your household. Include:

- Yourself.
- Your spouse, if you are married.
- Your children or spouse's children if you or your spouse will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, even if they do not live with you.
- Other people if they now live with you and you or your spouse provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2017.

Include the name of the college for 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. *If more space is needed, attach a separate page with the student's name and ID number at the top.*

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time (Yes or No)
		<i>Self</i>	<i>Mount St. Joseph University</i>	<i>Yes</i>

We may require additional documentation if we have reason to believe that the information regarding the household members enrolled in eligible educational institutions is inaccurate.

**C. Independent Student’s Income Information to Be Verified**

1. **TAX RETURN FILERS—Important Notes:** 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, had a change in marital status after December 31, 2015, filed or will file an amended IRS tax return, a non-IRS tax return, are granted a filing extension, or are victims of IRS tax-related identity theft for the tax year 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](http://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 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 the:

- Online Request – Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), under the Tools heading on the IRS homepage, 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.”
- 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 Student Administrative Service Office if more information is needed about using the IRS DRT or obtaining an IRS Tax Return Transcript.

If you and your spouse filed separate 2015 IRS income tax returns, **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcripts** must be provided for both.

\_\_\_\_ 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. Estimated date of arrival: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **TAX RETURN NONFILERS**—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. *If more space is needed, provide a separate page with the student’s name and ID number at the top.*

Employer’s Name	2015 Annual Amount Earned	IRS W-2 Provided?
<i>Suzy’s Auto Body Shop (example)</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<b>Total Amount of Income Earned From Work</b>	<b>\$</b>	

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

**D. Independent Student's Other Information to Be Verified**

1. Did someone in the student's household (listed in Section B) receive benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) at any time during the 2014 and/or 2015 calendar years?

- No
- Yes, provide documentation of the receipt of SNAP benefits during 2014 and /or 2015.

2. Did you or your spouse who is in Section B of this worksheet (if married) pay child support in 2015?

- No
- Yes, I have indicated below the names of the person who paid the child support, the names of the person to whom the child support was paid, the names and ages of the children for whom child support was paid, and the total annual amount of child support that was paid in 2015 for each child. **Don't include the support for children in your household, as reported in Section B.** *If you need more space, attach a separate page that includes the student's name and ID number at the top.*

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	Amount of Child Support Paid in 2015
<i>Marty Jones</i>	<i>Chris Smith (example)</i>	<i>Terry Jones (5)</i>	<i>\$6,000.00</i>
<b>Total Amount of Child Support Paid</b>			<b>\$</b>

If we have reason to believe that the information regarding child support paid is not accurate, we may require additional documentation, such as:

- 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.

**E. Certification and Signatures**

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.**

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

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Date

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Spouse's Signature (Optional)

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Date

*Do not mail this worksheet to the U.S. Department of Education.  
Submit this worksheet to:  
Student Administrative Services  
Mount St. Joseph University  
5701 Delhi Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45233*

*You should make a copy of this worksheet for your records.*