



**OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

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**2016–2017 Independent Verification Worksheet (V5)**

Your 2016–2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. The law states 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 financial aid office at Luna Community College. Our office may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact your financial aid administrator as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

**A. Student’s Information**

Student’s Last Name	First Name	M.I.	SSN or LCC ID
Student’s Street Address (include apt. no.)			Student’s Date of Birth
City	State	Zip Code	Student’s Email Address
Student’s Home Phone Number (include area code)			Student’s Alternate or Cell Phone Number

**B. Independent Student Family Information**

List the people in your household. Include:

- Yourself
- Your spouse (if married)
- Your children if you or your spouse (if married) will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
- Other people if they now live with you and you or your spouse provides 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 will be enrolled at least half time in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at a 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 Social Security Number at the top.*

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time
		Self	LCC	

Note: We may require additional information if we have reason to believe that the information provided is inaccurate.

**C. Independent Student's Income to be Verified**

**TAX RETURN 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 and spouse filed separate IRS income tax returns for 2015 or had a change in marital status after the end of the 2015 tax year on December 31, 2015.

**Instructions:** Complete this section if the **student and/or 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 the FAFSA online application.* Contact the financial aid office if more information is needed about using the IRS DRT.

**Check the box that applies:**

- The student and/or spouse **has used** the IRS DRT in FAFSA on the Web to transfer 2015 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA *and will submit copies of all 2015 W-2 forms.*
- The student and/or spouse **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 *and will submit copies of all 2015 W-2 forms.*
- The student and/or spouse **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) and copies of all 2015 W-2 forms.*

To obtain a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript**, go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and click on the "Get Tax Transcript". Select "Get Transcript by MAIL"; transcripts arrive in 5-10 calendar days. In most cases, for electronic filers, a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript** may be requested from the IRS within 2–3 weeks after the 2015 IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2015 paper IRS income tax returns, the **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript** may be requested within 8–11 weeks after the 2015 paper IRS income tax return has been received by the IRS.

**\*\*\* If the student and spouse filed separate IRS income tax returns, an IRS Tax Return Transcripts must be provided for both. \*\*\***

\_\_\_\_ Check here if a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) and W-2 forms** are provided.

\_\_\_\_ Check here if a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** will be provided later.

\_\_\_\_ Check here if **2015 W-2 forms** are provided.

**TAX RETURN NONFILERS-** Complete this section if the **student and/or spouse** *will not file and are not required* to file a 2015 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 was employed in 2015 and has 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 by his/her 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 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 Provided?
<i>Suzy's Auto Body Shop (example)</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>	<i>Yes</i>

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

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#### D. Child Support Paid

The student or spouse, who is a member of the student's household paid child support in 2015 for a child **not** listed in Section B. Independent Student Family Information. List below the name of the person who paid the child support, the name of the person to whom the child support was paid, the name of the child for whom the support was paid, and the total annual amount of child support that was paid in 2015 for each child.

If more space is needed, provide 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 of Child for Whom Support Was Paid	Amount of Child Support Paid in 2015

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.

#### E. Receipt of SNAP Benefits

Please check a box.

- The student certifies that a member of the student's household (listed in *Section B. Independent Student Family Information*), received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) sometime during 2014 or 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 2014 or 2015.**
- The student certifies that **NO** members of the student's household (listed in *Section B. Independent Student Family Information*), received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) sometime during 2014 or 2015.

#### F. 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 2016–2017:

- 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.

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- 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.**

<b>Office Use:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Transcript	<input type="checkbox"/> HS Diploma	<input type="checkbox"/> GED	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Initial _____			

**G. Identity and statement of Educational Purpose**

I will appear in person at Luna Community College to verify my 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 with the date it was received and the name of the official at the institution authorized to collect the student's ID. (Complete Section 1).

**1. The student must sign, in the presence of the institutional official, the following:**

**Statement of Educational Purpose**  
**(To be signed at Luna Community College)**

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 \_\_\_\_\_ for 2016-2017.  
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's ID Number)

<b>Office Use:</b>	
Initial: _____	
Date: _____	
ID used: _____	

I am unable to appear in person at Luna Community College to verify my identity. (Complete Section 2)

**2. If unable to appear in person at Luna Community College to verify his/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 provided below.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

LCC ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose  
(To Be Signed With Notary)**

**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  
\_\_\_\_\_ for 2016-2017.  
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's ID Number)

**Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement**

State of \_\_\_\_\_

City/County of \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Date) (Notary's name)  
personally appeared, \_\_\_\_\_, and provided to me  
(Printed name of signer)  
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)

**H. Certifications and Signatures**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Signature (Optional) Date

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