



Office of Student Financial Assistance

2015–2016 Independent Verification Worksheet (V5)

Your 2015–2016 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 and your parents reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information the financial aid administrator at your school 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 and at least one parent must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to the financial aid administrator at your school. Your school 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 and Your spouse (if married))
• Yours or your spouse’s children if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, or if they would be required to provide parental information if they were completing a FAFSA for 2015-2016.
• Other people if they now live with the student and the student or spouse provides more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2016.

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, 2015, and June 30, 2016.

If more space is needed, attach a separate page with the student’s name and Social Security Number at the top.

Table with 5 columns: Full Name, Age, Relationship, College, Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time. Includes a pre-filled row for 'Self' at 'LCC'.

Note: We may require additional information if we have reason to believe that the information regarding the household member enrolled in eligible postsecondary educational institution 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 or spouse filed separate IRS income tax returns for 2014 or had a change in marital status after the end of the 2014 tax year on December 31, 2014.

**Instructions:** Complete this section if the student and spouse filed or will file a 2014 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 2014 income information that was transferred into the student's FAFSA using the IRS DRT if that information was not changed. 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 2014 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA *and 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 2014 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA *and 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 **2014 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) and W-2 forms**.

To obtain a **2014 IRS Tax Return Transcript**, go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and click on the "Get Transcript of Your Tax Records". To view and print your transcript immediately click on "Get Transcript ONLINE". If you are unable to print your tax transcript please select "Get Transcript by MAIL"; transcripts arrive in 5-10 calendar days. In most cases, for electronic filers, a **2014 IRS Tax Return Transcript** may be requested from the IRS within 2–3 weeks after the 2014 IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2014 paper IRS income tax returns, the **2014 IRS Tax Return Transcript** may be requested within 8–11 weeks after the 2014 paper IRS income tax return has been received by the IRS.

\_\_\_ Check here if a **2014 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) and W-2 forms** are provided.

\_\_\_ Check here if a **2014 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** will be provided later.

**TAX RETURN NONFILERS-** Complete this section if the student and spouse will not file and are not required to file a 2014 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 2014.
- The student and/or spouse was employed in 2014 and has listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2014, and whether an IRS W-2 form is provided. [Provide copies of all 2014 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	2014 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 2014 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS*

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

**D. Child Support Paid**

The student or spouse, who is a member of the student’s household paid child support in 2014. List below the names of the persons who paid the child support, the names of the persons to whom the child support was paid, the names of the children for whom the child support was paid, and the total annual amount of child support that was paid in 2014 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 2014

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 of this verification document), received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) sometime during 2013 or 2014. **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 2013 or 2014.**
- The student certifies that **NO** members of the student’s household (listed in section B of this verification document), received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) sometime during 2013 or 2014.

**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 2015–2016:

- 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.

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

A student who is unable to obtain the documentation listed above must contact the financial aid office.

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

**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 2015-2016.  
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

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

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

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

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

**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 2015-2016.  
(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**

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date