



16-17 INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION FORM (V1 / V5 / V6)

Your 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called Verification. The law says 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 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 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 your financial aid will not be delayed.

A. STUDENT INFORMATION

Student ID # _____

First Name: _____ MI _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ E-mail _____

B. INDEPENDENT STUDENT'S FAMILY INFORMATION List the people in your household below: Include:

- **Yourself**
- **Your spouse**, if married
- **Your children**, if any, that you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, or if the child would be required to provide your information if they were completing a FAFSA for 2016-2017. Include children who meet either of these standards, even if they do not live with you.
- **Other people** if they now live with you and you provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2017.

If anyone listed below 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 you MUST include the name of the college he/she is attending.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Attending 6+ credits
				Y / N
				Y / N
				Y / N
				Y / N
				Y / N
				Y / N
				Y / N
				Y / N

C. INDEPENDENT STUDENT'S OTHER INFORMATION TO BE VERIFIED

Did someone in the student's household (listed in Section B) receive benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) any time during the 2014 or 2015 calendar years? (check ONLY one)

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, one of the persons listed in Section B of this worksheet received SNAP benefits in 2014 or 2015. I will provide documentation from the issuing agency (copy of benefit card is not acceptable).

Did you or your spouse, if married, pay child support in 2015? (check ONLY one)

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, the student (and, if married, the student's spouse) who is listed in Section B of this worksheet, paid child support in 2015





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If yes, I certify that I paid child support in 2015. I have listed below 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 amount of child support paid in 2015 for each child. I also attest that I have not included these children as members of my household size. (Parents can either include these children as members of the household *or* include the amount of child support paid but may not include these children as members of the household and also list child support paid.

Name who paid the child support	Name who received the support	For whom support was	Yearly amount paid

D. INDEPENDENT STUDENT'S TAX INFORMATION TO BE VERIFIED

Did you file / will file a 2015 tax return? (check ONLY one)

- ☐ Yes, the student (and, if married, the student's spouse) filed a 2015 federal tax return.
- ☐ No, the student (and, if married, the student's spouse) DID NOT file a 2015 federal tax return.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: If you (or your spouse, if married) filed, or will file, an amended 2015 IRS tax return, you must contact your financial aid administrator before completing this section. The best way to verify income is by using the **IRS Data Retrieval Tool** that is part of FAFSA online. If you have not already used the tool, go to FAFSA.gov, log in to your FAFSA record, select "Make FAFSA Corrections," and navigate to the Financial Information section of the form. From there, follow the instructions to determine if you are eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer 2015 IRS income tax information into your FAFSA. It takes up to two weeks for IRS income information to be available for the IRS Data Retrieval Tool for electronic IRS tax return filers, and up to eight weeks for paper IRS tax return filers. If you need more information about when, or how to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool see your financial aid administrator.

I, the student (and spouse, if married).... (check ONLY one)

- ☐ used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web to transfer my income information into my FAFSA.
- ☐ have not yet used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, but I will use the tool to transfer my income information into my FAFSA.
- ☐ am unable to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web -I will submit 2015 IRS tax return transcript(s) to SUNY Orange.
- ☐ choose not to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web - I will submit 2015 IRS tax return transcript(s) to SUNY Orange.
- ☐ was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2015.
- ☐ was employed in 2015 and will list below the names of all employers and the amount earned from each employer in 2015.





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Complete the section below ONLY if you were employed in 2015 AND DID NOT file a 2015 tax return.
You MUST provide documentation of all monies earned (e.g. copy of W-2).

Employer's Name	Total Amount Earned in 2015	Received a W-2

E. CERTIFICATIONS AND SIGNATURES

Signature Agreement. By providing your signature below, you consent that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

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

Student Signature

Date

Spouse Signature (optional)

Date

