

# 2015-2016 Verification Worksheet Independent Student

Your 2015-2016 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 & 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 other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You & at least one parent must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit all forms to the financial aid administrator at your school. Your school may ask for additional information. If you have any questions about verification, contact your financial aid administrator as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

## A. Independent Student's Information

Student's Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Student's Social Security Number	Student Number
Student's Street Address (include Apt #)			Student's Date of Birth	
City	State	Zip Code	Student's Email Address	
Student's Home Phone Number			Student's Cell/Alternate Phone #	

## B. Independent Student's Family Information

**Number of Household Members:** List below the people in the students' household. This includes:

- The student
- The student's spouse
- The student's or spouse's children if they provide more than half the children's support from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 or if the children would be required to provide parental information if they were completing a 2015-2016 FAFSA form. Include children who meet either standard even if they do not live with you
- Other people, if they now live with the student and the student/spouse provide more than half of their support & will continue to provide it through June 30, 2016

Attending College: Include below information about any household member, excluding the parents, who 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, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	Name of College attending	Will be enrolled at least half-time (Y/N)
		<i>Self</i>		

## C. Independent Student's Income Information to be verified

### 1. Complete this section if the student filed or will file a 2014 IRS income tax return

- Check here if you used the Data Retrieval Tool to transfer your 2014 tax information from the IRS to the FAFSA
- Check here if you did not (or could not) use the Data Retrieval Tool and have attached a copy of your 2014 Tax Transcript

### 2. Complete this section if the student will not file and is not required to file a 2014 tax return with the IRS

- Check here if the student was **not** employed and had **no** income earned from work in 2014
- Check here if the student **WAS** employed. List below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2014, and whether an IRS W-2 form is provided. (Provide a copy of the 2014 IRS wage & income transcript). List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form

Employer's Name	2014 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 provided (Yes/No)

**D. Spouse's Income Information to be verified**

Spouse's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Complete this section if your spouse filed or will file a 2014 IRS income tax return**

- Check here if you filed a joint return and used the Data Retrieval Tool to transfer 2014 tax information from the IRS to the FAFSA
- Check here if you filed a joint return and are providing a copy of your 2014 Tax Transcript
- Check here if you filed a separate tax return and are providing a copy of your 2014 Tax Transcript

**2. Complete this section if your spouse will not & is not required to file a 2014 income tax return with the IRS**

- Check here if your spouse was **not** employed and had **no** income earned from work in 2014
- Check here if your spouse **WAS** employed. List below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2014, and whether an IRS W-2 form is provided. (Provide a copy of the 2014 IRS wage and income transcript). List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form

Employer's Name	2014 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 provided (Yes/No)

**Please answer all of the following questions by circling Yes or No**

**1. Did someone in 2014 provide you and/or your family support by allowing you to reside in their home free of charge?**

**YES or NO**

**2. Did you or your spouse pay or receive child support in 2014?**

**YES or NO**

Do not answer YES if the payments were court ordered but never received.

If YES, please complete the section below. List the actual amount of any child support paid or received in 2014.

Person paying support	Person receiving it	Child's Name and Age	Total paid in 2014

**3. Did you or a member of your household receive SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps) during 2013/2014?**

**YES or NO**

If YES please re-write the statement in the box on the lines provided below, and sign this form.

*I certify that I, [Print Student's Name], or a member of my household, received SNAP (Formerly known as Food Stamps) Assistance during the year 2013 or 2014.*

**Verification**

If the documentation submitted with your initial application does not meet the standard for verification, you will be notified **via phone** or **by email** and required to submit the additional documentation within 14 days. Failure to submit the necessary documents could result in the loss of need based financial aid. If your award changes due to verification, you will be notified through your **UB Portal**. Students have the right to appeal loss of aid due to missed deadlines or changes in reported information. The appeal must be made in writing to Student Financial Services within 15 days of the action and the decision will be made in writing within 15 days of receipt of appeal.

By signing below I certify that all information provided on this form is correct & that I have read & understand the above acknowledgements.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date