

# Financial Aid, Student Employment & Military Education Benefits

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## 2020-21 Independent Verification Worksheet

Your application has been selected for "Verification." In this process, we are required by the U.S. Department of Education to compare information reported on this form and other documents with information reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to ensure they are consistent.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS AT THE SAME TIME AND ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. INCOMPLETE AND/OR CONFLICTING DOCUMENTS WILL BE RETURNED AND WILL RESULT IN PROCESSING DELAYS.

Section A – Student Information (Please print clearly)

STUDENT NAME:	STUDENT ID #:
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## Section B - Family Information (Please read instructions before completing)

Please list the people in your household, including:

- yourself, and your spouse (if married),
- your children, if you will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, and
- 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 between **July 1**, **2020 and June 30**, **2021**.

Write the names, ages, and relationship to student of all household members in the spaces below. If you need more space, attach a separate sheet. Also, write in the name of the college for any household member listed, who will be attending college at least half-time in a program that leads to a college degree or certificate between **July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021**.

Example: John Smith	34	Spouse	UW - Milwaukee
Example: Michelle Smith	5	Daughter	

Full Name	Age	Relationship to Student	College (Please List Full Name)
		Self	UW - Milwaukee

## Section C - Student and Spouse (if married) Income Information

Please check the appropriate box for you and your spouse (if married) (**only check one box per column**). Please refer to the instructions for more detailed information on options.

#### 2018 Tax Filers

Student

**Spouse** 

I already completed the **FAFSA IRS Data Retrieval (DRT)** process.

I have attached my 2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript *or* **SIGNED** copy of 2018 Federal Tax Return **including Schedules 1, 2, and 3 if applicable**.

I filed a **2018 amended return (1040X)**, have an extension, filed a foreign tax return, or cannot obtain a tax transcript due to IRS identity theft. I have provided the necessary documentation per the instructions.

#### 2018 Non Tax Filers

I did earn income from work in 2018. I did not and was not required to file a 2018 Federal Income Tax Return per the IRS. You must list all income sources/amounts below and attach all 2018 W-2 and 1099 Mics. forms. You/spouse (if applicable) must also submit an IRS Verification of Non-filing letter.

Individual's Name	Name of Employer	Income in 2018

I did earn income from work in 2018 but do not have any W-2s or 1099 Misc. form(s) (Ex. babysitting job, lawn job). I certify that I am not considered self-employed and I did not and was not required to file a tax return.

You/spouse (if applicable) must also submit an IRS Verification of Non-filing letter.

Individual's Name	Name of Employer/Job Performed	Income in 2018

I did not earn any income from work in 2018. You/spouse (if applicable) must also submit an IRS Verification of Non-filing letter.

To obtain an **IRS Verification of Non-filing letter**, you will need to complete <u>IRS form 4506-T</u> (be sure to mark box 7 for Verification of Non-filing and enter appropriate ending year which would be 12/31/2018 for 2018). Make sure to read all instructions on the form and to mail to the appropriate IRS Team. **Do not return the 4506-T form to the Financial Aid Office.** \*\*Exceptions to non-filing letter, please refer to verification worksheet instructions.

Be sure to list student ID# and name on all non-filing letters and IRS tax return transcripts.

### **Section D – Student and Spouse (if married) Signatures**

By signing this worksheet, I/we certify the information reported is correct to the best of our knowledge. If the Department of Financial Aid, Student Employment and Military Benefits notices a discrepancy, I/we understand corrections to the FAFSA will be submitted directly to the U.S. Department of Education. Additionally, I/we understand that any such corrections may also warrant an adjustment to any financial aid that has already been offered for the 2020-21 academic year.

Student Signature Date Spouse Signature (Optional) Date

**NOTE:** Signatures cannot be typed or stamped. Must be signature.

## **Verification of Non-Filing Status**

Individuals who did not file a federal tax return are still required to obtain verification of non-filing from the IRS. **However**, if an individual is unable to obtain a verification of non-filing letter from the IRS, they can provide a **signed statement** certifying that:

- They attempted to obtain a verification of non-filing letter from the IRS, but were unsuccessful; and
- They have not and are not required to file an income tax return for 2018.

If a non-filer had earnings from work, W-2s from each source of income must be provided.

Please use either non-filing statement <u>with</u> earnings from work (below) or non-filing statement <u>with no</u> earnings from work (next page). Only one statement should be completed.

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I	(Non-Filer's Printed Name)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	o obtain a verification of non-filing le	tter
from the	IRS by the following means	(please mark appropriate box):		
		rification of non-filing letter from st 10 days and have not receive	m the IRS by submitting IRS form 45 ed a response back.	06-T
	Other (please explain your	attempt to obtain the non-filing	g letter):	
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Please use either non-filing statement <u>with</u> earnings from work (previous page) or non-filing statement <u>with no</u> earnings from work (below). Only one statement should be completed.

2020-21 Non-	Filing Statement <u>With No</u> Earnings from Work
Student Name:	Student ID#:
I(Non-Filer's Printed Na	certify that I attempted to obtain a verification of non-filing letter me)
from the IRS by the following mea	ans (please mark appropriate box):
	a verification of non-filing letter from the IRS by submitting IRS form 4506-T least 10 days and have not received a response back.
Other (please explain y	our attempt to obtain the non-filing letter):
	file and was not required to file a 2018 federal income tax return. I was arn any income in 2018 and have no W-2s to provide.
Non-filer Signature:	Date:

## 2020-21 Independent Verification Worksheet Instructions

- 1. You must complete the attached Independent Verification Worksheet
- 2. Additional Guidance for Section C
  Provide 2018 Tax Information for yourself and spouse (if married) using one of the following methods below, unless not required to file per the IRS regulations (check appropriate box on Verification Worksheet).
  - ❖ IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Certain exclusions apply and if you are unable to use DRT please use another method below.

\*\*The data that is transferred from the IRS will not be viewable due to enhanced security of sensitive information. Once the data is transferred, "Transferred from the IRS" will be in place of any other information.\*\* Do not correct transferred information. You will receive a letter in the mail letting you know that DRT has retrieved your tax information.

- 1. Log onto <a href="www.fafsa.gov">www.fafsa.gov</a>
- 2. Select "Make FAFSA Correction"
- 3. Select Financial Information Tab
- 4. Answer the questions accordingly
- 5. If the condoes not appear, you will need to obtain 2018 tax information using one of the additional methods below instead.
- 6. If the iCon appears, select "Link to IRS" button
- 7. Select proceed to IRS site and Press "OK"
- 8. Enter the address, city, state, and zip code exactly as reported on your tax form
- 9. Then check "Transfer My Tax Information into the FAFSA"
- 10. Click "Transfer Now" button
- 11. Proceed to the end of FAFSA application then submit
- 12. Make sure the confirmation page appears after clicking the submit button
- Contact IRS to Request 2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript using one of the following:
  - Online: at <a href="http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript">http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript</a>
    - Select "Get Transcript by Mail" or "Get Transcript Online" Please note, some individuals may not be able to obtain online.
    - Enter appropriate information
    - Select "Return Transcript" for "2018" tax year
    - Please be aware that it will take between 5 to 10 days for the IRS to mail
  - By Phone: Call 800-908-9946
  - By Mail: Complete and submit form 4506-T or 4506T-EZ to the IRS

Be sure to list student name and ID # on all transcripts as the IRS does not print identifying information on the transcript.

Submit a SIGNED copy of 2018 Federal Tax Return including Schedules 1, 2, and 3 if applicable.

## IRS Verification of Non-filing letter (Exceptions)

If you are unable to obtain a non-filing letter due to not having a Social Security Number, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, or an Employer Identification Number you must submit the following:

A signed and dated statement (**by spouse, if married**), certifying that the individual(s) does not have a Social Security Number, an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, or an Employer Identification Number. The statement must list the sources and amounts of earnings, other income and resources that supported the individual(s) for the 2018 tax year. Also, provide a 2018 W-2 for each source of employment income, if applicable.

# **Unusual Tax Filing Situations**

## For Individuals Granted a Filing Extension by the IRS for 2018

Typically the IRS allows for a six month extension of time to file your return (**October 15, 2019**). Once this date is past, we would require you to submit copies of your IRS tax transcript or utilize the IRS DRT process. Some exceptions may apply to this.

An individual who is required to file a 2018 IRS income tax return and has been granted a filing extension by the IRS, must provide:

- A copy of the IRS's approval of an extension <u>beyond</u> the automatic six-month (October 15, 2019) extension if the individual requested an additional extension of the filing time for the taxyear 2018;
- **IRS Verification of Non-filing Letter** (confirmation that the tax return has not yet been filed) from the IRS dated on or after October 1, 2019, obtained by completing IRS form 4506-T;
- A copy of IRS Form W-2 for each source of employment income received for the 2018 tax year;
   and
- A signed and dated statement (by student and spouse, if married) certifying the estimated amount of the individual's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) and the U.S. income tax paid for the 2018 tax year. For the AGI this would be the amount on line 7 on the IRS Form 1040. For taxes paid, this would be the amount on line 13 minus line 46 on Schedule 2 on IRS Form 1040.

Example: For the 2018 tax year, I (insert name) and my spouse (if married, insert name) have been granted an extension from the IRS. Listed below are the best estimates at this time for the following: Student income from work:

Estimated Adjusted Gross Income: Estimated U.S. Income Taxes Paid:

### For Individuals Who Filed an Amended 2018 IRS Income Tax Return

If an individual filed an amended IRS Federal Income Tax Return for tax year 2018, provide both items:

- 2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript or Original (not amended) 2018 SIGNED Federal Tax Return including Schedules 1, 2, and 3 if applicable.
- A signed copy of the 2018 IRS Form 1040X, "Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," that was filed with the IRS.

## For Individuals Who Were Victims of IRS Identity Theft

If an individual was a victim of IRS Identity Theft, provide both items:

- A copy of the Tax Return Database View (TRDBV) transcript for 2018
  - Note: A victim of IRS identify theft must contact the IRS at 1-800-908-4490. Upon authentication of the tax filer's identity, the IRS will provide, by U.S. Postal Service, a printout of the required tax filer's 2018 IRS income tax return information (TRDBV).
- A **signed and dated statement (by student and spouse, if married)** indicating the individual(s) was a victim of IRS tax-related identity theft and the IRS is aware of the tax-related identity theft.

Example: I, (insert your name), was a victim of IRS tax-related identity theft and the IRS has been made aware of this tax-related identity theft.

## For Individuals Who Filed Non-IRS Income Tax Returns for 2018

If an individual filed or will file a 2018 income tax return with Puerto Rico, another U.S. territory (e.g., Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Northern Marianas Islands), or with a foreign country (in which a tax transcript is provided free of charge), please provide a signed copy of that 2018 income tax return. You also need to convert amounts to U.S. Currency and detail the equivalent line of the following information:

Student income from work: Adjusted Gross Income: Spouse (if married) income from work: Income Taxes Paid: