

2022-2023 Verification Worksheet Independent Student

Your 2022-2023 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 reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information, we will compare your FAFSA with the information on this institutional verification document and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You must complete and sign this institutional verification document, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to us. We may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact us as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

A. Student Information

Student Last Name	First Name	MI	Student Identification (ID) Number
Student Street Address (include apt. no.)			Student Date of Birth
City State Zip Code			Student's Email Address
Student Home Phone Number (include area code)			Student Alternate or Cell Phone Number

B. Independent Student's Family Information

List below the people in the student's household. Include:

- * The student.
- * The student's spouse, if the student is married.
- * The student's or spouse's children if the student or spouse will provide more than half of the children's support from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, even if a child does not live with the student.
- * Other people if they now live with the student and the student or spouse provides more than half of the other person's support, and will continue to provide more than half of that person's support through June 30, 2023.

Number in College: Include in the space below information about any household member who is, or 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, 2022, and June 30, 2023, include the name of the college.

If more space is needed, provide a separate page with the student's name and ID number at the top.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time (Yes or No)
		<i>Self</i>		

Note: We may require additional documentation if we have reason to believe that the information regarding the household members enrolled in eligible postsecondary educational institutions is inaccurate.

Student's Name:

SSN:

C. Independent Student's Income Information

1. 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 2020 or had a change in marital status after December 31, 2020.

Instructions: Complete this section if the student and spouse filed or will file a 2020 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](https://fafsa.gov).* In most cases, no further documentation is needed to verify 2020 income information that was transferred into the student's FAFSA using the IRS DRT if that information was not changed by the FAFSA filer.

Check the box that applies:

- The student has used the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web* to transfer 2020 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA.
- The student has not yet used the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, but will use the tool to transfer 2020 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA once the 2020 IRS income tax return has been filed.
- The student is unable or chooses not to use the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, and instead will provide the school with a **2020 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** or a signed copy of the 2020 income tax return and applicable schedules.

If the student and spouse filed separate 2020 IRS income tax returns, the IRS DRT cannot be used and the **2020 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** must be provided for each.

_____ Check here if a **2020 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** or a signed copy of the 2020 income tax return and applicable schedules is provided.

_____ Check here if a **2020 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** or a signed copy of the 2020 income tax return and applicable schedules will be provided later.

A **2020 IRS Tax Return Transcript** may be obtained through:

- **Get Transcript Online** – Go to www.irs.gov, click "Get Your Tax Record." Click "Get Transcript Online." Make sure to request the "Return Transcript" and NOT the "Account Transcript." To use the Get Transcript Online tool, the user must have (1) access to a valid email address, (2) a text-enabled mobile phone (pay-as-you-go plans cannot be used) in the user's name, and (3) specific financial account numbers (such as a credit card number or an account number for a home mortgage or auto loan). The transcript displays online upon successful completion of the IRS's two-step authentication.
- **Online Request** - Go to www.irs.gov, under the Tools heading on the IRS homepage, click "Get a Tax Transcript by Mail." Click "Get Transcript by MAIL." Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and **NOT** the "IRS Tax Account Transcript."
- **Telephone Request** - 1-800-908-9946
- **Paper Request Form** - IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T

In most cases, for electronic tax return filers, 2020 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 2–3 weeks after the 2020 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2020 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2020 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 6–8 weeks after the 2020 paper IRS income tax return has been received by the IRS. Contact the financial aid office if more information is needed about using the IRS DRT or obtaining an IRS Tax Return Transcript.

Student's Name:

SSN:

2. TAX RETURN NONFILERS

The instructions and certifications below apply to the student and spouse, if the student is married. Complete this section if the student and spouse will not file and are not required to file a 2020 income tax return with the IRS.

Check the box that applies:

- The student and/or spouse were not employed and had no income earned from work in 2020.
- The student and/or spouse were employed in 2020 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2020, and whether an IRS W-2 form is provided. [Provide copies of all 2020 IRS W-2 forms issued to the student and spouse by their employers]. List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form.

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Employer's Name	IRS W-2 Provided?	Annual Amount Earned in 2020
<i>(Example) ABC's Auto Body Shop</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>\$4,500.00</i>
Total Amount of Income Earned From Work		\$

Note: We may require you to provide documentation from the IRS that indicates a 2020 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS.

Student's Name:

SSN:

Certification and Signature

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

Print Student's Name

Student's ID Number

Student's Signature (Required)

Date

Spouse's Signature (Optional)

Date

Do not mail this worksheet to the U. S. Department of Education
Submit this worksheet to:
University of the Southwest
Office of Financial Aid
6610 N Lovington Highway
Hobbs, NM 88240
Fax: 575-448-7035

Please retain a copy of all documentation submitted for your records.