

# 201 –201 Verification Worksheet

## Independent Student - Tracking Group V1

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 and your spouse (if married) 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 that your financial aid will not be delayed.

### A. Independent Student’s Information

Student’s Last Name	Student’s First Name	MI	Student’s SSN or ID Number
Student’s Street Address (include apt. no.)		Student’s Date of Birth	
City	State	Zip	Student’s Email Address
Student’s Phone Number		Student’s Alternate or Cell Phone Number	

### B. Independent Student’s Family Information

Number of Household Members: List below the people in your 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, 2015, through June 30, 2016, even if the children do 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 people’s support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2016.

Number in College: Include below information about, any household member 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, 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
<i>Missy Jones (example)</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>Spouse</i>	<i>Central University</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Independent Student's Income Information to Be Verified

#### 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 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. 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.

In most cases, for electronic tax return filers, 2014 IRS income tax return information for the IRS DRT is available within 2–3 weeks after the 2014 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2014 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2014 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT within 8–11 weeks after the 2014 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.

Check the box that applies:

- The student has used the IRS DRT in FAFSA on the Web to transfer 2014 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 2014 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA once the 2014 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 a 2014 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s).

To obtain a 2014 IRS Tax Return Transcript, go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and click on the "Get Transcripts for Your Tax Records" link. Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and not the "IRS Tax Account Transcript." Use the Social Security Number (or the IRS individual taxpayer identification number) and the date of birth of the first person listed on the 2014 IRS income tax return, and the address on file with the IRS (normally this will be the address used on the 2014 IRS income tax return). 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.

If the student and spouse filed separate 2014 IRS income tax returns, 2014 IRS Tax Return Transcripts must be provided for both.

- Check here if a 2014 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) is provided.
- Check here if a 2014 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) will be provided later.

#### 2. TAX RETURN NONFILERS

**Instructions:** Complete this section if the student will not file and is not required to file a 2014 income 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 attached. Attach copies of all 2014 IRS W-2 forms issued to the student and/or spouse by employers. *List every employer even if they did not issue an IRS W-2 form. If more space is needed, attach a separate page with the student's name and Social Security Number at the top.*

Employer's Name	2014 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 Attached?
ABC Shipping (example)	\$1,280	Yes

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Other Information to Be Verified**

1. Check the appropriate box below:

- No one listed in the household received SNAP benefits in 2013 or 2014.
- One of the persons listed in household received SNAP benefits in 2013 or 2014. If asked by the student's school, I will provide documentation of the receipt of SNAP benefits during 2013 and/or 2014.

2. Check the appropriate box below:

- No child support was paid for individuals outside of the household in 2014.
- The student or student's spouse listed in Section B of this worksheet paid child support in 2014. Indicate below the name of the person who paid the child support, the name of the person to whom the child support was paid, the names of the children for whom child support was paid, and the total annual amount of child support that was paid in 2014 for each child. If asked by the school, I will provide documentation of the payment of child support. *If you need more space, attach a separate page that includes the student's name and Social Security 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
Joe Jones	Jane Doe	Jake Jones	\$6,000

**E. Certification and Signatures**

Each person signing this worksheet certifies that all of the information reported on it is complete and correct. **WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.**

The student must sign and date this form.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Do not mail this worksheet to the U.S. Department of Education. Submit this worksheet to the financial aid administrator at your school.**

**You should make a copy of this worksheet for your records.**