

2025-2026 Verification-V1

**FAFSA Information Required to be Verified and
Documentation Requirements**

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| <p><i>Items a through h, (as shown in the verification letter) if transferred directly from the IRS and unchanged, do not need to be verified.</i></p> <p><i>When information is not transferred from the IRS, or updated on the FAFSA, and for item i, (as shown in the verification letter) the following documentation is sufficient for verification:</i></p> | <p>(1) A transcript obtained at no cost from the IRS or other relevant tax authority of a U.S. territory (Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands) or commonwealth (Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands), or a foreign government, that lists 2023 tax account information of the tax filer; or</p> <p>(2) A copy of the income tax return and the applicable schedules that were filed with the IRS or other relevant tax authority of a U.S. territory, or a foreign government that lists 2023 tax account information of the tax filer; and</p> <p>(3) If item d or e contains a rollover, a signed statement confirming the amount of the rollover in the untaxed pension or IRA distribution. Note that even if d or e are transferred as FTI, rollovers still need to be verified as they are manually entered.</p> |
| <p><i>Income information for non-tax filers (as shown in the verification letter):</i></p> | <p>(1) A signed statement certifying (a) that the individual has not filed and is not required to file a 2023 income tax return, and (b) a listing of the sources and amounts of any 2023 income earned by the individual.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>(2) A copy of IRS Form W-2, or an equivalent document, for each source of 2023 employment income received by the individual.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>(3) Except for dependent students, verification of non-filing from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2024.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Family Size</i></p> <p><i>(If transferred directly from the IRS and unchanged, does not need to be verified.)</i></p> | <p>(1) A statement signed by the student and, if a dependent, at least one parent that lists the name and age of each family member claimed on the IRS forms, and the relationship to the student.</p> <p>Note: Verification of family size number is not required if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a dependent student, the family size reported is two with a single, divorced, separated, or widowed parent or, is three with parents who are married or are unmarried and living together; or |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For an independent student, the family size reported is one if the student is single, divorced, separated, or widowed, or the family size reported is two if the applicant is married. | | |
| <i>Sample of Family Size statement</i> (ONLY IF NEEDED) | Name | Age | Relationship to the Student |
| | Jane Doe | 37 | Student |
| | John Doe | 35 | Spouse |
| | Signed by the Student _____ Date: _____ | | |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Identity</i></p> <p><i>Options include: in person, via zoom, or a compliant third party entity.</i></p> | <p>The student should appear in person at the school and present an unexpired, valid, government-issued photo identification (such as a passport or a driver's license).</p> <p>If the student is unable to appear in person, the student has the option of appearing on a video call to present an unexpired, valid, government-issued photo identification (such as a passport or a driver's license) to an institutionally authorized individual who will review and take a screenshot of the identification. The student will then be required to submit (via email) a copy of the identification presented.</p> <p>Alternatively, the Department will consider a student's identity to be verified if the student's identity was verified by an entity that is compliant with National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Identity Assurance Level 2 (NIST IAL2).</p> <p>Note: An ID issued by a state university or college is not sufficient for this purpose.</p> |

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| <p><i>Income information for nontax filers (as shown in the verification letter):</i></p> | <p>(1) A signed statement certifying (a) that the individual has not filed and is not required to file a 2023 income tax return, and (b) a listing of the sources and amounts of any 2023 income earned by the individual.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>(2) A copy of IRS Form W-2, or an equivalent document, for each source of 2023 employment income received by the individual.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>(3) Except for dependent students, verification of non-filing from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dates on or after October 1, 2024.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Family Size</i></p> <p><i>(If transferred directly from the IRS and unchanged, does not need to be verified.)</i></p> | <p>(1) A statement signed by the student and, if a dependent, at least one parent that lists the name and age of each family member claimed on the IRS forms, and the relationship to the student.</p> <p>Note: Verification of family size number is not required if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a dependent student, the family size reported is two with a single, divorced, separated, or widowed parent or, is three with parents who are married or are unmarried and living together; or • For an independent student, the family size reported is one |

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| | if the student is single, divorced, separated, or widowed, or the family size reported is two if the applicant is married. | | |
| <i>Sample of Family Size statement</i> (ONLY IF NEEDED) | Name | Age | Relationship to the Student |
| | Jane Doe | 37 | Student |
| | John Doe | 35 | Spouse |
| | Signed by the Student _____ Date: _____ | | |
| <i>Identity</i> <i>Options include: in person, via zoom, or a compliant third party entity.</i> | <p>The student should appear in person at the school and present an unexpired, valid, government-issued photo identification (such as a passport or a driver's license).</p> <p>If the student is unable to appear in person, the student has the option of appearing on a video call to present an unexpired, valid, government-issued photo identification (such as a passport or a driver's license) to an institutionally authorized individual who will review and take a screenshot of the identification. The student will then be required to submit (via email) a copy of the identification presented.</p> <p>Alternatively, the Department will consider a student's identity to be verified if the student's identity was verified by an entity that is compliant with National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Identity Assurance Level 2 (NIST IAL2).</p> <p>Note: An ID issued by a state university or college is not sufficient for this purpose.</p> | | |