

Independent Verification Worksheet (V4)



Your 2018-2019 FAFSA has been selected by the U.S. Department of Education for a review process called "Verification." **Verification must be completed before your financial aid can be finalized and before any aid will be credited to your student account.** If there are differences between your FAFSA and this information, we will update your FAFSA, recalculate your aid eligibility, and then prepare your award letter.

Student Information (please print)

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| Student's Last Name | First Name | Middle Initial | |
| Student Home Address | EMPOWER ID# | | |
| City | State | ZIP | Phone Number |

High School Completion Status

Provide one of the following documents to indicate the student's high school completion status when the student begins college in 2018–2019:

- A copy of the student's high school diploma.
- For students who completed secondary education in a foreign country, a copy of the "secondary school leaving certificate" or other similar document.
- A copy of the student's final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
- A State certificate or transcript received by a student after the student passed a State-authorized examination that the State recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma (GED test, HiSET, TASC, or other State-authorized examination).
- An academic transcript that indicates the student successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree.
- For a student who was homeschooled in a State where State law requires the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschooling (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
- For a student who was homeschooled in a State where State law does not require the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschooling (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a transcript, or the equivalent, signed by the student's parent or guardian, that lists the secondary school courses the student completed and includes a statement that the student successfully completed a secondary school education in a homeschool setting.

A student who is unable to obtain the documentation listed above must contact the financial aid office.

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Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (To Be Signed at the Institution)

The student must appear in person at _____ to
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

verify his or her identity by presenting an unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport. The institution will maintain a copy of the student's photo ID that is annotated by the institution with the date it was received and reviewed, and the name of the official at the institution authorized to receive and review the student's ID.

In addition, the student must sign, in the presence of the institutional official, the Statement of Educational Purpose provided below.

OR (please read)

Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (To Be Signed in the Presence of a Notary)

If the student is unable to appear in person at **Mercy College of Ohio** to verify his or her identity, the student must provide to the institution:

- (a) A copy of the unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID) that is acknowledged in the notary statement below, or that is presented to a notary, such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport; and
- (b) The original Statement of Educational Purpose provided below, which must be notarized. If the notary statement appears on a separate page than the Statement of Educational Purpose, there must be a clear indication that the Statement of Educational Purpose was the document notarized.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____ am the individual signing
(Print Student's Name)

this Statement of Educational Purpose and that the Federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending _____ for 2018–2019.

(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

(Student's Signature)

(Date)

(Student's ID Number)

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Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

Notary's certification may vary by State

State of _____
City/County of _____
On _____, before me, _____,
(Date) (Notary's name)
personally appeared, _____, and proved to me
(Printed name of signer)
on the basis of satisfactory evidence of identification _____
(Type of unexpired government-issued photo
ID provided)
to be the above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

(seal)

(Notary signature)

My commission expires on _____
(Date)

Certifications and Signatures

By signing this form, I affirm that all information on this form and any attachments are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide documentation to support the information I have provided on this form. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet it may be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of financial aid, and I may be subject to a fine, imprisonment or both, under provisions of the United States Criminal Code.

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct. The student and one parent whose information was reported on the FAFSA must sign and date.

Print Student's Name

Student's ID Number

Student's Signature

Date

Spouse's Signature (optional)

Date

Please submit completed form to our office. **Questions?** Please contact us:

Phone: 419-251-ne: 419-251-1219

Fax: 419-251-0969

Email: financialaid@mercycollege.edu

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