

Dependent Verification Worksheet (V5)



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.

Federal IRS Tax Transcripts are required if you did not transfer your IRS federal tax information over to your FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool when you filed your FAFSA online.

- You must contact the IRS and request an IRS Tax Transcript. The transcripts must be sent to you.
- Submit required IRS Tax Transcripts with all other forms and documents requested to the Financial Aid Office so your Verification package is complete when received. Incomplete packages cannot be processed.
- If you did NOT file taxes, you will need to request the **VERIFICATION OF NON-FILING** form from the IRS. The verification of non-filing is required if you indicated that you did not file taxes on your FAFSA. You must contact the IRS and request an IRS Verification of Non-Filing. The verification can be requested online, or by filing the IRS form 4506-T.

A 2016 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be obtained through:

- Get Transcript by MAIL – Go to www.irs.gov, under the Tools heading, click "Get Your Tax Record." Click "Get Transcript by MAIL." Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and **NOT** the "IRS Tax Account Transcript."
- Get Transcript ONLINE – Go to www.irs.gov, under the Tools heading, click "Get Your Tax Record." Click "Get Transcript ONLINE." Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and **NOT** the "IRS Tax Account Transcript."
- Automated 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, 2016 IRS income tax information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 2-3 weeks after the 2016 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2016 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2016 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 6-8 weeks after the 2016 paper IRS income tax return has been received by the IRS.

Student Information (please print)

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

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Number of Household Members and Number in College (Dependent Student)

Number of Household Members: List below the people in the parents' household. Include:

- The student.
- The parents (including a stepparent) even if the student doesn't live with the parents.
- The parents' other children if the parents will provide more than half of the children's support from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, or if the other children would be required to provide parental information if they were completing a FAFSA for 2018–2019. Include children who meet either of these standards, even if a child does not live with the parents.
- Other people if they now live with the parents and the parents provide 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, 2019.

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, 2018, and June 30, 2019, and 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.

Verification of 2016 Income Information for Student Tax Filers

Important Note: If the student filed, or will file, and amended 2016 IRS tax return, the student must contact the Financial Aid Office before completing this section.

Instructions: Complete this section if the student filed or will file a 2016 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 2016 income

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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 2016 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 2016 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA.
- ☐ 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 **2016 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)**.

If the student and spouse filed separate 2016 IRS income tax returns, the IRS DRT cannot be used and the **2016 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** must be provided for each.

_____ Check here if a **2016 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** is provided.

_____ Check here if a **2016 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** will be provided later.

Verification of 2016 Income Information for Student Nontax Filers

The instructions and certifications below apply to the student. Complete this section if the student will not file and are not required to file a 2016 income tax return with the IRS.

Check the box that applies:

- ☐ The student was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2016.
- ☐ The student was employed in 2016 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2016, and whether an IRS W-2 form or an equivalent document is provided. [Provide copies of all 2016 IRS W-2 forms issued to the student by their employers]. List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form.

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

Employer's Name	IRS W-2 or an Equivalent Document Provided?	Annual Amount Earned in 2016
<i>(Example) ABC's Auto Body Shop</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>\$4,500.00</i>
Total Amount of Income Earned From Work		\$

Provide documentation from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2017 that indicates a 2016 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS or other relevant tax authority.

_____ Check here if confirmation of nonfiling is provided.

_____ Check here if confirmation of nonfiling will be provided later.

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Verification of 2016 Income Information for Parent Tax Filers

Important Note: The instructions below apply to each parent included in the household. Notify the financial aid office if the parents filed separate IRS income tax returns for 2016 or had a change in marital status after December 31, 2016.

Instructions: Complete this section if the parents filed or will file a 2016 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 2016 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 parents have used the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web* to transfer 2016 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA.
- ☐ The parents have not yet used the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, but will use the tool to transfer 2016 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA.
- ☐ The parents are unable or choose not to use the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, and instead will provide the school with a **2016 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)**.

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- ☐ Check here if a **2016 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** is provided.
- ☐ Check here if a **2016 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** will be provided later.

Verification of 2016 Income Information for Parent Nontax Filers

The instructions and certifications below apply to each parent included in the household. Complete this section if the parents will not file and are not required to file a 2016 income tax return with the IRS.

Check the box that applies:

- ☐ Neither parent was employed, and neither had income earned from work in 2016.
- ☐ One or both parents were employed in 2016 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2016, and whether an IRS W-2 form or an equivalent document is provided. [Provide copies of all 2016 IRS W-2 forms issued to the parents by their employers]. List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form.

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Total Amount of Income Earned From Work		\$

Provide documentation from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2017 that indicates a 2016 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS or other relevant tax authority.

_____ Check here if confirmation of nonfiling is provided.

_____ Check here if confirmation of nonfiling will be provided later.

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 _____
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

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

Parent's Signature

Date

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

Phone: 419-251-1219 **Fax:** 419-251-0969 **Email:** financialaid@mercycollege.edu

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