

Verification Worksheet – Independent Student 2025-2026

Your application was selected by the U.S. Department of Education for review in a process called “**Verification.**” Please complete, sign, and submit this form with any other required documentation to the financial aid administrator at your college.

Step 1 - Student Information

Student's name (First, MI, Last)	Student/Banner ID #
Street Address (include apt #)	
City	State
Zip Code	Date of Birth
Student's Email Address	Student's Primary Phone # (include area code)

Step 2 – Student's Family/Household Size Information

List the people in your family/household. Be sure to include:

- a. **Yourself** (the student)
- b. **Your spouse, if applicable.**
- c. **Dependent children if the following are true:**
 - i. They live with the student (or live apart because of college enrollment);
 - ii. They receive more than half of their support from the student; and
 - iii. They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year.
- d. **Other people** if the following are true:
 - i. They live with the student;
 - ii. They receive more than half of their support from the student; and
 - iii. They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year.

The provided criteria for “dependent children” or “other persons” align with the requirement that family size align with whom the parent could claim as a dependent on a U.S. tax return if the parent were to file a U.S tax return at the time of completing the 2025-2026 FAFSA. As a result, any unborn children should not be included in the family size.

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

Full Name	Age	Relationship to Student
Missy Jones (example)	18	Sister
		Self

Student's Name: _____ Student/Banner ID: _____

Step 3 – Student/Spouse Income (check one)

- ☐ My/ my spouse's 2023 income was reported on the FAFSA from the IRS, using the Future Act Direct Data Exchange (FA-DDX). **Go to Step 5**
- ☐ I/ my spouse filed a 2023 Federal Tax Return, but the tax return information was not available or could not be used. **Must provide signed copy of 2023 Federal Tax Return –or– 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript. Go to Step 5.**
- ☐ I/ my spouse did not file. I/ my spouse was not employed and did NOT earn income in 2023. **Complete Step 4 below if you had other income and resources that supported you for the 2023 tax year.**
- ☐ I/ my spouse did not file but was employed in 2023 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2023, and whether an IRS W-2 form or an equivalent document is provided. **Complete Step 4 below and provide copies of all 2023 IRS W-2 forms issued by the employers.**

Step 4 - Verification of Income Information for Non tax filers

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Student's/Spouse's Employer's Name	IRS W-2 or an Equivalent Document Provided?	Annual Amount Earned in 2023
<i>Suzy's Auto Body Shop (example)</i>	<i>Yes (example)</i>	<i>\$4,500 (example)</i>
Total Amount of Income Earned from Work		\$

If you or your spouse did not file but had other income and resources that supported you for the 2023 tax year, list each source of income in the table below. If more space is needed, provide a separate page with your name and ID number at the top.

Source of Income	Annual Amount Earned in 2023
<i>Rental Property (example)</i>	<i>\$4,500 (example)</i>
Total Amount of Income	\$

Student's Name: _____ Student/Banner ID: _____

Step 5 – Certification and Signatures

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

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

Print Student's Name

Student's ID Number

Student's Signature (Required)

Date

Spouse's Signature (Optional)

Date