



2016-2017 Verification Worksheet-V5
Independent Student

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Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Student ID:** _____

Your 2016–2017 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 reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information, we will compare your FAFSA with the information on this institutional verification document and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You and a spouse (if applicable) whose information was reported on the FAFSA must complete and sign this institutional verification document, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to us. We may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact us as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

A) Tax and Income Information

STUDENT and SPOUSE (You MUST check one box below)

Did you file a 2015 Federal Income Tax Return?

- YES.** I used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer my 2015 income information to the FAFSA.
- YES.** I have enclosed a copy of my 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript. (See instructions below this box)
- NO.** I did not file a 2015 Federal Income Tax Return. I have listed the sources and amounts of any earned income received in 2015 and have enclosed copies of the W-2 form(s). List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form.

Employer: _____ Amt: \$ _____

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- NO.** I did NOT earn any income from wages in 2015.

IRS Data Retrieval Tool:

The best way to verify income is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT) that is part of the FAFSA on the web at www.FAFSA.gov. If you wish to utilize the IRS DRT, log into your most recent FAFSA transaction, and navigate to the “Student Financial” section.

How to obtain a Tax Return Transcript:

To obtain a 2015 IRS **Tax Return Transcript**, go to www.irs.gov/transcript. 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 number) and the date of birth of the first person listed on the 2015 IRS Income Tax Return, and the address on file with the IRS (normally this will be the address used on the 2015 IRS Income Tax Return). **If the student and spouse filed separate 2015 IRS Income Tax Returns, 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcripts must be provided for both.**

B) Food Stamps (You MUST check one)

Did you or a member of your household receive SNAP (Food Stamps) in 2014 or 2015?

YES. The student certifies that _____, a member of the student's household, received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamp Program) sometime during 2014 or 2015.

***If more than one person receives SNAP attach a separate page with the names of those getting the benefits**

NO. The student or any member of their household did not receive SNAP (Food Stamps) in 2014 or 2015.

C) Family Information

Complete the grid below for all of your family members who live in your household and are listed on your FAFSA. **Always include yourself and your spouse, if you are married.** Include student's or spouse's children if the student or spouse will provide more than half of the children's support from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, even if the children do not live with the student. Also include 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, 2017. List the schools and colleges which any household member will attend at least half time, in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at a postsecondary educational institution anytime between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	School/College in 2016-2017 (Must be Enrolled at Least Half Time)
		SELF	ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE

*If more space is needed, attach a separate page with the student's name and ID at the top

D) Child Support Paid

Complete this section only if you or your spouse paid child support during 2015.

Name of Person who Paid Child Support	Name of Person to Whom Child Support was Paid	Name of Child for Whom Support Was Paid	AGE of Child	Amount of Child Support Paid in 2015

*If more space is needed, attach a separate page with the student's name and ID at the top

E) Certification and Signatures

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported 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.**

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Spouse's Signature _____ Date _____

F) High School Completion Status (You MUST check one)

I have enclosed _____ to indicate the student's high school completion status. Document from list below

I cannot provide any of the documents listed below and will contact the Financial Aid Office.

Enclose one of the following documents that indicate the student's high school completion status when the student will begin college in 2016-2017. Indicate which document you have enclosed in the space provided above. If you cannot provide any of the following documents you MUST contact the Financial Aid Office.

1. A copy of the student's high school diploma.
2. A copy of the student's final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
3. A copy of the student's General Educational Development (GED) certificate, an official GED transcript that indicates the student passed the exam, or a state-authorized high school equivalent certificate.
4. For students who completed secondary education in a foreign country, a copy of the "secondary school leaving certificate" or other similar document.
5. 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.
6. For a homeschooled student from a state where state law requires the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
7. For a homeschooled student from a state where state law does not require the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (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.

G) Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

You must complete the Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (English or Spanish) below. You can either complete the sections in front of a member of the Elizabethtown College Financial Aid Staff (1) or in front of a Notary (2). If you choose to complete these sections in front of a Notary, the Notary must complete the Certificate of Acknowledgement on page 6. DO NOT complete these sections without a member of the Financial Aid Staff or a Notary being present.

ENGLISH VERSION

1) 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.

2) 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 _____ to verify his or her identity,
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)
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 2016-2017.
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

(Student's Signature)

(Date)

(Student's ID Number)

Spanish Version

1) Verificación de Identidad y Declaración de Propósito Educativo (Para ser firmadas en la institución)

El estudiante debe comparecer en persona en _____ para
(Nombre de la institución educativa postsecundaria)
verificar su identidad mediante la presentación de una identificación con fotografía (ID) válida emitida por el gobierno que no haya expirado, como una licencia de conducir, otro tipo de identificación emitida por el estado o pasaporte, entre otros. La institución conservará una copia de la identificación con fotografía del estudiante en la cual se anotará la fecha en la que se recibió y revisó, y el nombre del funcionario de la institución autorizado a recibir y revisar las identificaciones de los estudiantes.

Además, el estudiante debe firmar, en presencia del funcionario de la institución, la Declaración de Propósito Educativo proporcionada a continuación.

2) Verificación de Identidad y Declaración de Propósito Educativo (Para ser firmadas en la presencia de un notario)

Si el estudiante no es capaz de comparecer en persona en _____
(Nombre de la institución educativa postsecundaria)
para comprobar su identidad, debe proporcionar:

- (a) Una copia de la de identificación con fotografía (ID) válida emitida por el gobierno, que se reconoce en la declaración del notario que aparece a continuación, o que se presenta ante un notario, como una licencia de conducir, otro tipo de identificación emitida por el estado o pasaporte, entre otros; y
- (b) La Declaración de Propósito Educativo original proporcionada a continuación debe ser notariada. Si la declaración del notario aparece en una página separada de la Declaración de Propósito Educativo, se debe indicar de manera clara que la Declaración de Propósito Educativo era el documento notariado.

Declaración de Propósito Educativo

Certifico que yo, _____, soy el individuo que firma esta
[Imprimir Nombre del Estudiante]

Declaración de Propósito Educativo y que la ayuda financiera federal estudiantil que yo pueda recibir, sólo será utilizada para fines educativos y para pagar el costo de asistir a _____ para 2016–2017.
[Imprimir Nombre de Institución Educativa Postsecundaria]

[Firma del Estudiante]

[la Fecha]

[Número de Identificación del Estudiante]

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of _____

City/County of _____

On _____, before me, _____,
(Date) (Notary's name)

personally appeared, _____, and proved to me on basis of satisfactory
(Printed name of signer)

evidence of identification _____ to be the above named-person who signed the
(Type of government-issued photo ID provided)
foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal
(seal)

(Notary signature)

My commission expires on _____
(Date)

**Please return completed forms to the Financial Aid Office.
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