

2020-2021 Verification Worksheet-V1 **Independent Student** 

Last Name: First Name: Student ID:

Your 2020–2021 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 2018 Federal Income Tax Return?

**TYES.** I used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer my 2018 income information to the FAFSA.

**TYES.** I have enclosed a copy of my 2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript. (See instructions below this box)

Nontax filers or tax filers who received an extension but still have not filed their income tax return must provide proof from the IRS that they did not file a return for the year. Proof of non-filing can be obtained from IRS using IRS Form 4506-T and checking box 7.

**NO.** I did not file a 2018 Federal Income Tax Return. I have listed the sources and amounts of any earned income received in 2018 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.

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#### **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 https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa. 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 2018 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 2018 IRS Income Tax Return, and the address on file with the IRS (normally this will be the address used on the 2018 IRS income tax return). If the student and spouse filed separate 2018 IRS Income Tax Returns, 2018 IRS Tax Return Transcripts must be provided for both.

#### How to obtain a Verification of Nonfiling confirmation:

Go to http://www.etown.edu/offices/financial-aid/forms/ and download a copy of IRS form 4506-T. Complete sections 1-5 and check box 7. A separate form must be completed for each non-tax filer. Mail or fax the form to the applicable address/number listed on the form.

# **B)** Family Information

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

- The student.
- The student's spouse, if the student is married.
- The student's or spouse's children if the student or spouse will provide more than half of the children's support from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, even if a child does not live with the student.
- Other people if they now live with the student and the student or spouse provides 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, 2021.

Number in College: Include in the space below information about any household member who is, or will be, enrolled <u>at</u> <u>least half time</u> in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at an eligible postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021, 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)
		Self		

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.

## **C)** 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 (Optional)	Date

\*Electronic signatures are not acceptable.

Please return completed forms to the Financial Aid Office.