Office of Financial Aid

Student and/or Spouse Tax Filer - Verification of 2016 Income

Your 2018–19 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. The law says that before disbursing Federal Student Aid, you must confirm the information you reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information the financial aid administrator at your school will compare your FAFSA with the information on this worksheet and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to the financial aid administrator at your school. Your school may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact your financial aid administrator as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

WARNING: Anyone who purposely gives false or misleading information on this worksheet may be fined, sentenced to prison, or both.

Student’s Printed Name ___________________________ Student’s ID Number ___________________________

Important note: The instructions below apply to the student and spouse, if the student is married. Notify the financial aid office if the student or spouse filed separate IRS income tax returns for 2016 or filed an amended tax return.

Instructions: Complete this section if the student or spouse 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 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 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 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).

A 2016 Tax Return Transcript may be obtained through:

- Get Transcript by MAIL – Go to www.irs.gov, under the Tools heading, click “Get a tax transcript.” 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 a tax transcript.” 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 4506-T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T

Contact the financial aid office if more information is needed about using the IRS DRT or obtaining an IRS Tax Return Transcript.

If the student and spouse filed separate 2016 IRS income tax returns, the IRS DRT cannot be used and the 2016 Income 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.

Certification and Signature

Each person signing this worksheet certifies that all the information reported on it is complete and correct. This worksheet must be signed by the student.

_________________________________________ Date ___________________________

Student Signature

Please return completed form via postal mail, email, or fax using the contact information below.

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