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2018 – 2019 Independent Verification Worksheet



Your 2018–2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has been selected for a process called verification. Federal law requires that an institution verify certain information that has been listed within the FAFSA before federal aid can be disbursed. To complete the federal verification process, the financial aid office will compare the information that has been listed on your FAFSA to the information listed on this worksheet along with other documents submitted. If there are differences, your FAFSA information will need to be corrected.

A. Student Information

Print: Last Name, First Name, M.I.

CofC ID

B. Family Information

List the people in your household, including:

- Yourself and your spouse if you are married, and;
- Your children, if any, if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, or if the child would be required to provide your information if they were completing a FAFSA for 2018-2019. Include children who meet either of the standards, even if they do not live with you, and;
- Other people if they now live with you and you provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019
- Provide the name of the college or university (or mark N/A) that each family member will attend between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. They must be enrolled in a college degree or certificate program, not post-secondary as a high school student.
- For clarification on who should be included in the household visit <http://www.finaid.org/educators/pj/householdsize.phtml>.

| Full Name | Date of Birth | Relationship | College |
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| | | Self (student) | College of Charleston |
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C. Student Tax Forms and Income Information

| | Check only one box below: | Must submit the following: |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | I filed a 2016 Federal Income Tax Return. | Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool within FAFSA on the web OR submit all pages of your 2016 IRS Tax Return Transcript. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I worked but I am NOT REQUIRED to file and will not file a 2016 Federal Income Tax Return. | 1. Verification of Non-Filing Letter from the IRS is <u>REQUIRED</u> (see below for instructions). 2. Complete Student Non-Tax Filer form (see below for instructions). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I did NOT work in 2016 and will not file a 2016 Federal Income Tax Return. I was not required to file. | Verification of Non-Filing Letter from the IRS is <u>REQUIRED</u> (see below for instructions). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I corrected my 2016 Federal Income Tax Return using an Amended Return (Form 1040X). | 1. Submit a signed copy of the Form 1040X filed with the IRS 2. Submit a 2016 IRS Tax Return Transcript (see page 2 for instructions). |

Detailed Instructions and Explanations: 2018-2019 FAFSA Verification Worksheet

1. The best way to verify income is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool option within your FAFSA. You may view an instructional video at <http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/FAFSASimplification/step5.html>.
2. If you cannot use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, you may obtain a Tax Return Transcript using these methods:
 - a. On-line or by mail at www.irs.gov/Individuals/get-transcript.
 - b. Order by phone: **1-800-908-9946**. Please note the IRS TAX RETURN TRANSCRIPT is the ONLY document that we can accept to verify tax return data.
3. If you DID NOT FILE a tax return:
 - a. You must complete the Student Non-Tax Filer form found on Financial Aid downloads form page @ <http://finaid.cofc.edu/download-forms/index.php>; and,
 - b. A Verification of Non-Filing Letter from the IRS is **REQUIRED** for those that did not file a 2016 IRS tax return. Request this letter by contacting the IRS at 1-800-908-9946 or www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript.
4. If you intend to email your documents, in order to meet our security protocols, please mark out all but the last 4 of your social security number from all documents. If faxing, this is not necessary.

A. Sign This Worksheet

By signing this worksheet, we certify that all the information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct.

Student

Date

Note: Electronic signatures are NOT acceptable.

Spouse (must sign if applicable)

Date

Note: Electronic signatures are NOT acceptable.

Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

Sign and date this worksheet and all required documents. You may submit the worksheet along with all required forms to:

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