



2017-2018 Verification Worksheet
Federal Student Aid Programs

Independent – Comprehensive Form

What is Verification?

Your application was selected for a review in a process called Verification by the U.S. Department of Education. The financial aid program rules (34 CFR, Part 668) says before awarding federal student aid, TSU may ask you to confirm the information you and your parents 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. This information is required in addition to the information supplied during the completion of the FAFSA. You and at least one parent must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to the financial aid administrator at TSU.

What you should do?

Fill in and sign the worksheet

- 1. Carefully review section C, complete the IRS Data Retrieval or submit the 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s).
2. Submit the completed worksheet, Federal Tax Return Transcript(s), and any other documents to TSU.

*Photocopies of the federal income tax return are not acceptable.

Processing of your financial aid application cannot be completed without your completed Verification Worksheet and review of information relating to the income and asset information supplied on the FAFSA.

A. Student Information

Form with fields for Last name, First name, MI, Social Security Number, Address, Date of birth, City, State, Zip code, Phone number.

B. Family Information

List the people in your household. Include:

- Yourself.
Your spouse, if you are married.
Your children, if any, if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, or if the child would be required to provide your information if they were completing a FAFSA for 2017 - 2018.
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 through June 30, 2017.

Write the name of the college for any household member who will be enrolled at least half time, in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at a postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2018. Write the names of all household members. Also write in the name of the college for any household member, excluding your parent, who will be attending college, at least half-time between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, and will be enrolled in a degree, diploma, or certificate program. If you need more space, attach a separate page.

Table with 4 columns: Full Name, Age, Relationship, College. Includes example row for Missy Jones.

Please send your documents to:
Texas Southern University
Office of Student Financial Assistance
3100 Cleburne Street • Houston, TX 77004



C. Student's Tax Form and Income Information (all applicants)

1. Complete this section if the student, FILED OR WILL FILE a 2015 income tax return with the IRS.

The most accurate method of entering income information into the FAFSA is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web. If the student has not already used the tool, go to FAFSA.gov, log in to the student's FAFSA record, select "Make FAFSA Corrections," and navigate to the Financial Information section of the form. From there, follow the instructions to determine if the student is eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer 2015 IRS income tax information into the student's FAFSA. In most cases it takes 2 – 3 weeks after 2015 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS and up to eight weeks for paper IRS tax return filers. If you need more information about when, or how to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool see your financial aid administrator. Important Note: If the student filed, or will file, an amended 2015 IRS tax return, the student must submit a federal tax transcript.

A. CHECK ONLY ONE BOX BELOW THAT APPLIES:

- Five checkboxes with corresponding text regarding the use of the IRS Data Retrieval Tool and submission of transcripts.

To obtain an IRS tax return transcript, go to www.IRS.gov and click on the "Order a Return or Account Transcript" link, or call 1-800-908-9946. Make sure to request the "IRS tax return transcript" and not the "IRS tax account transcript." Use the Social Security Number and 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). In most cases, for electronic IRS tax return filers, a 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be requested from the IRS within 2 – 3 weeks after 2015 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS and up to eight weeks for paper IRS tax return filers.

2. Complete this section if the student, will not file and is not required to file a 2015 income tax return with the IRS.

A. CHECK ONLY ONE BOX THAT APPLIES:

- Two checkboxes with corresponding text regarding employment status in 2015.

Table with 3 columns: Employer's Name, 2015 Amount Earned, IRS W-2 Provided?

3. Complete this section with information about the untaxed income received by the student during 2015.

A. List the Items reported in question 45 of the FAFSA. Funds received for child support, military allowances, clergy housing and living allowances and other untaxed income. (See worksheets A & B of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).)

Table with 4 columns: Source of Untaxed Income, 2015 Amount, Source of Untaxed Income, 2015 Amount

B. List items reported on or in question 44 of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in this section. These items should include Education Credits, Child Support paid, taxable earnings from Federal Work-Study, or other need based work programs, student grant, scholarship fellowship, and assistantship aid, including Ameri Corps awards that were reported in your adjusted gross income.

Table with 4 columns: Sources, 2015 Amount, Sources, 2015 Amount



D. Student's Other Information to Be Verified

Complete this section if someone in the student's household (listed in Section B) received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) any time during 2015. SNAP may be known by another name in some states. For assistance in determining the name used in a state, please call 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-4243).

1. SNAP BENEFITS

Lists the names of the individuals listed in section B of this worksheet who received SNAP benefits in 2015. If asked by the student's school, I will provide documentation of the receipt of SNAP benefits during 2014 and/or 2015.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Person Receiving SNAP Benefits, Relationship to Student, Year Benefits Received, Amount Received

2. UNTAXED INCOME

List items reported on or in question 44 of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in this section. These items should include Education Credits, Child Support paid, taxable earnings from Federal Work-Study, or other need based work programs, parent taxable student grant, scholarship fellowship, and assistantship aid, including AmeriCorps awards, and combat pay or special combat pay (taxable) that were reported in your adjusted gross income.

Table with 4 columns: Sources, 2014 Amount, Sources, 2015 Amount

3. CHILD SUPPORT PAID

List below the names of the persons who paid the child support, the names of the persons to whom the child support was paid, the names of the children for whom the child support was paid, and the total annual amount of child support that was paid in 2015 for each child

Table with 4 columns: Name of Person Who Paid Child Support, Name of Person to Whom Child Support was Paid, Name of Child for Whom Support was Paid, Amount of Child Support Paid in 2015

4. List Items reported on or in question 45 on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in this section. Funds received for child support, military allowances, clergy housing and living allowances and other untaxed income. (See worksheets A & B of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Table with 4 columns: Source of Untaxed Income, 2014 Amount, Source of Untaxed Income, 2015 Amount

E. Certifications and Signatures

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

By the signing this worksheet, each person certifies that all information reported is complete and correct. The student and spouse whose information was reported on the FAFSA must sign and date the form.

Student _____ Date _____

Spouse _____ Date _____



F. High Completion Status

Provide one of the following documents that indicate the student's high school completion status when the student will begin college in 2017–2018:

- A copy of the student's high school diploma.
- A copy of the student's final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
- A copy of the student's General Educational Development (GED) certificate or GED transcript.
- 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.
- If State law requires a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for home school (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
- If State law does not require a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for home school (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a transcript or the equivalent, signed by the student's spouse or guardian, that lists the secondary school courses the student completed and documents the successful completion of a secondary school education in a home school setting.

If the student is unable to obtain the documentation listed above, he or she must contact the financial aid office.

G. Identity and State of Educational Purpose (To Be Signed at the Institution)

The student must appear in person at Texas Southern University to verify his or her identity by presenting a valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport. Texas Southern University will maintain a copy of the student's photo ID that is annotated with the date it was received and the name of the official at the institution authorized to collect the student's ID.

In addition, the student must sign, in the presence of the institutional official, the following:

H. Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____, am the individual signing this
(print first and last name)

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 Texas Southern University for the 2017-2018 award year.

(Student's Signature)

(Student's ID Number)

_____/_____/_____
(Date)

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