



ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS, NEW YORK

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2016-2017 Independent Verification Worksheet VSI

Independent Student Information

Student's Last Name

First Name

M.I.

Student's Identification (ID) Number

Student's Street Address (include apt. no.)

Student's Date of Birth

City State Zip Code

Student's Email Address

Student's Home Phone Number (include area code)

Student's Alternate or Cell Phone Number

Independent Number of Household Members and Number in College

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, 2016, through June 30, 2017, 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, 2017.

Number in College: Include in the space below information about any household member who is, or will be, enrolled at least half time in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at an eligible postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017, 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.p

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time (Yes or No)
		<i>Self</i>		

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.

Verification of 2015 Income Information for Student Nontax Filers

The instructions and certifications below apply to the student and spouse, if the student is married. Complete this section if the student and spouse will not file and are not required to file a 2015 income tax return with the IRS.

Check the box that applies:

- The student and spouse were not employed and had no income earned from work in 2015.
- The student and/or spouse were employed in 2015 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2015, and whether an IRS W-2 form is provided. [Provide copies of all 2015 IRS W-2 forms issued to the student and spouse by their employers]. List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form.

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Employer’s Name	IRS W-2 Provided?	Annual Amount Earned in 2015
<i>(Example) ABC’s Auto Body Shop</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>\$4,500.00</i>
Total Amount of Income Earned From Work		\$

Note: We may require you to provide documentation from the IRS that indicates a 2015 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS.

Verification of 2015 Income Information for Student Tax Filers

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 2015 or had a change in marital status after December 31, 2015.

Instructions: Complete this section if the student and spouse filed or will file a 2015 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 2015 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 2015 IRS income tax return information into the student’s FAFSA.
- The student has not yet used the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, but will use the tool to transfer 2015 IRS income tax return information into the student’s FAFSA once the 2015 IRS income tax return has been filed.
- The student is unable or chooses not to use the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, and instead will provide the school with a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)**.

A **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript** may be obtained through:

- Online Request - Go to www.irs.gov, under the Tools heading on the IRS homepage, click "Get a Tax Transcript by Mail." Click "Get Transcript by MAIL." Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and **NOT** the "IRS Tax Account Transcript."
- Telephone Request - 1-800-908-9946
- Paper Request Form - IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T

In most cases, for electronic tax return filers, 2015 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 2–3 weeks after the 2015 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2015 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2015 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 6–8 weeks after the 2015 paper IRS income tax return has been received by the IRS. 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 2015 IRS income tax returns, the IRS DRT cannot be used and the **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** must be provided for each.

- _____ Check here if a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** is provided.
- _____ Check here if a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** will be provided later.

Verification of 2015 Income Information for Individuals with Unusual Circumstances

Individuals Granted a Filing Extension by the IRS

An individual who is required to file a 2015 IRS income tax return and has been granted a filing extension by the IRS, must provide:

- A copy of IRS Form 4868, "Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," that was filed with the IRS for tax year 2015;

- A copy of the IRS's approval of an extension beyond the automatic six-month extension if the individual requested an additional extension of the filing time for tax year 2015; **and**
- A copy of IRS Form W–2 for each source of employment income received for tax year 2015 and, if self-employed, a signed statement certifying the amount of the individual’s Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) and the U.S. income tax paid for tax year 2015.

Individuals Who Filed an Amended IRS Income Tax Return

An individual who filed an amended IRS income tax return for tax year 2015 must provide:

- A **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript** (that will only include information from the original tax return and does not have to be signed), or any other IRS tax transcript(s) that includes all of the income and tax information required to be verified; **and**
- A signed copy of the 2015 IRS Form 1040X, “Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return,” that was filed with the IRS.

Individuals Who Were Victims of IRS Tax-Related Identity Theft

An individual who was the victim of IRS tax-related identity theft must provide:

- A Tax Return DataBase View (TRDBV) transcript obtained from the IRS, or any other IRS tax transcript(s) that includes all of the income and tax information required to be verified; **and**
- A statement signed and dated by the tax filer indicating that he or she was a victim of IRS tax-related identity theft and that the IRS is aware of the tax-related identity theft.

Individuals Who Filed Non-IRS Income Tax Returns

An individual who filed or will file a 2015 income tax return with the relevant taxing authority of a U.S. territory, commonwealth, or with a foreign central government must provide:

- A transcript that was obtained at no cost from the relevant taxing authority of a U.S. territory (Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands) or commonwealth (Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands), or a foreign central government, that includes all of the tax filer’s income and tax information required to be verified for tax year 2015; **or**
- If a transcript can not be obtained at no cost from the relevant taxing authority, a signed copy of the 2015 income tax return(s).

High School Completion Status

Provide one of the following documents to indicate the student’s high school completion status when the student begins college in 2016–2017:

- A copy of the student’s high school diploma.
- For students who completed secondary education in a foreign country, a copy of the “secondary school leaving certificate” or other similar document.

- A copy of the student’s final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
- A state certificate or transcript received by a student after the student passed a State-authorized examination that the State recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma (GED test, HiSET, TASC, or other State-authorized examination).
- 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.
- For a student who was homeschooled in a state where state law requires the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschooling (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
- For a student who was homeschooled in a state where state law does not require the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschooling (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.

A student who is unable to obtain the documentation listed above must contact the financial aid

**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.

**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 _____
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

to verify his or her identity, 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)

Receipt of SNAP Benefits

The student certifies that _____, a member of the student's household, received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) sometime during 2014 or 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 (1-800-433-3243).

The student's household includes:

- 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 child's support from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, 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, 2017.

Note: If we have reason to believe that the information regarding the receipt of SNAP benefits is inaccurate, we may require documentation from the agency that issued the SNAP benefits in 2014 or 2015.

Child Support Paid

If the student and/or spouse, who is a member of the student's household, paid child support in 2015, provide in the space 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 and ages 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.

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Name of Person Who Paid Child Support	Name of Person to Whom Child Support was Paid	Name and Age of Child for Whom Support Was Paid	Annual Amount of Child Support Paid in 2015
Total Amount of Child Support Paid			\$

Note: If we have reason to believe that the information regarding child support paid is inaccurate, we may require additional documentation, such as:

- A signed statement from the individual receiving the child support certifying the amount of child support received; or
- Copies of the child support payment checks, money order receipts, or similar records of electronic payments having been made.

Certification and Signature

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

Print Student's Name

Student's ID Number

Student's Signature (Required)

Date

Spouse's Signature (Optional)

Date