

Independent Student

2023–2024 Verification Worksheet

Your 2023–2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. The law states 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 the financial aid office 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 to the financial aid office. SUNY Schenectady may ask for additional information.

A. Independent Student’s Information

Student’s Last Name	Student’s First Name	Student’s M.I.	SUNY Schenectady ID No. or Student’s SSN
(____) _____	(____) _____		____/____/____
Student’s Home Phone Number	Student’s Alternate or Cell Phone Number		Student’s Date of Birth

B. Independent Student’s Family Information

- Yourself and your spouse, if **legally** married
 - Do not include your spouse if you are legally separated
 - Do not include your spouse if you do not physically live together as though unmarried
 - Include your spouse if you are temporarily living separately due to business, military orders, vacation, incarceration etc.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College enrolled at between July 1, 2023 -June 30, 2024*	At least half time? (Yes or No)
		<i>Self</i>		

- Children (Include children who meet either of these standards, even if they do not live with you.)
 - If you will **provide more than half of their support** from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, or
 - If the children would be **required to provide parental data** if they were completing a FAFSA for 2023–2024.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College enrolled at between July 1, 2023 -June 30, 2024*	At Least Half Time? (Yes or No)

- Other people if they now live with the you **AND**
 - You provide **more than half of their support** and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2024.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College enrolled at between July 1, 2023 -June 30, 2024*	At Least Half Time? (Yes or No)

*Include 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 an eligible postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024.

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.

Student's Name: _____ SSN or SCCC ID No: _____

C. Verification of 2021 Income Information for an Independent Student

Did file a tax return: The student (and spouse, if applicable) **DID FILE** a 2021 income tax return. Please indicate the method you will use to document your income:

- The IRS DRT in FAFSA on the Web to transfer 2021 IRS income tax information into FAFSA
- A signed copy of the 2021 IRS form 1040 with schedules 1, 2, and 3
- A copy of the 2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript. A 2021 Tax Return Transcript may be obtained through:
 - Get Transcript by MAIL – Go to www.irs.gov, click “Get Your Tax Record” and then 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, click “Get Your Tax Record” and then 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 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T (obtain form at <https://sunysccc.edu/financialaid>)

Did NOT file a tax return: The student (and spouse, if applicable) **DID NOT FILE** a 2021 income tax return**. Please check the applicable boxes below:

- The student (and spouse, if applicable) was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2021.
- The student (and spouse, if applicable) was employed in 2021 and did not file a tax return; please complete this grid and submit all W-2 statements:

Employer's Name	2021 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 or an Equivalent Document Provided?
<i>Suzy's Auto Body Shop (example)</i>	\$2,000.00	Yes

** Provide documentation from the IRS (known as Verification of Non-filing letter) or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2021 that indicates a 2021 income tax return was not filed with the IRS or other relevant tax authority, or a signed statement certifying that the individual attempted to obtain confirmation of non-filing from the IRS or other relevant tax authority and was unable to obtain the required documentation.

Non-filing letter can be obtained by checking box 7 on IRS Form 4506T. Return the completed form to the Financial Aid Office. Obtain form online at <http://sunysccc.edu/financialaid>

- Check here if confirmation of non-filing is provided.
- Check here if confirmation of non-filing will be provided later
- Check here if you attempted to obtain verification of non-filing but were unable to obtain the required documentation

Student's Name: _____ SSN or SCCC ID No: _____

D. Certification and Signatures

Each person signing this worksheet certifies that all of the information reported on it is complete and correct. The student must sign and date.

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

** Electronic or typed signatures are not acceptable **

Student's Signature (Required) Date

Spouse's Signature (Optional) Date

Do not mail this worksheet to the U.S. Department of Education. Submit this worksheet to the financial aid administrator at your school. You should make a copy of this worksheet for your records.

Verification of 2021 Income Information for Individuals with Unusual Circumstances

Individuals Granted a Filing Extension by the IRS:

- 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 2021;
- Verification of Non-filing Letter (confirmation that the tax return has not yet been filed) from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2021 or a signed statement certifying that the individual attempted to obtain verification of non-filing and was unable to obtain the required documentation;
- A copy of IRS Form W-2 for each source of employment income received for tax year 2021 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 2021.

Individuals Who Filed an Amended IRS Income Tax Return::

- A 2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript (that will only include information from the original tax return and does not have to be signed); *and*
- A signed copy of the 2021 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:

- Must call 800-908-9946 and request 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:

- A tax filer who filed an income tax return with a tax authority other than the IRS may provide a signed copy of his or her income tax return that was filed with the relevant tax authority. However, if we question the accuracy of the information on the signed copy of the income tax return, the tax filer must provide us with a copy of the tax account information issued by the relevant tax authority before verification can be completed.