

Independent Student 2026–2027 Verification Worksheet

Your 2026–2027 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 and your parents 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 and at least one parent must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit to the financial aid office. SUNY Schenectady may ask for additional information.

Independent Student’s Information

SUNY Schenectady Student ID Number: _____

First Name Last Name Middle Initial

Phone Number _____

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 to Student

- 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, 2026, through June 30, 2027, **or**
 - If the child would be **required to provide parental data** when completing a FAFSA for 2026–2027.

Full Name	Age	Relationship to Student

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, 2027.

Full Name	Age	Relationship to Student

Student Name: _____ Student ID Number _____

Verification of 2024 Income Information for an Independent Student

☐ Did file a tax return: The student (and spouse, if applicable) DID FILE a 2024 income tax return.

Please indicate how you will document your income:

- ☐ Income was transferred into the FAFSA directly from the IRS.
- ☐ A signed copy of the 2024 IRS form 1040 with schedules 1, 2, and 3
- ☐ A copy of the 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript.

☐ Did NOT file a tax return: The student (and spouse, if applicable) DID NOT FILE a 2024 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 2024.

☐ The student (and spouse, if applicable) was employed in 2024 and did not file a tax return; please complete this grid and submit all W-2 statements:

Employer's Name	2024 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 or an Equivalent Document Provided?

Verification of non-filing: Provide documentation from the IRS (known as Verification of Non-filing letter) or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2024 that indicates a 2024 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.

☐ 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 Name:

Student ID Number

Certification and Signatures

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

**** Electronic or typed signatures are not acceptable ****

This form is used to administer federal financial aid programs. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, be sentence to jail, or both.

Student Signature (Required)

Date

Spouse 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 2024 Income Information for Individuals with Unusual Circumstances

Individuals Granted a Filing Extension by the IRS:

- A signed statement listing the sources of any 2024 income and the amount of income from each source;
- A copy of the IRS's approval of an extension beyond the automatic six-month extension for tax year 2024;
- A copy of IRS Form W-2 for each source of employment income received or an equivalent document for tax year 2024; 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 2024.

Individuals Who Filed an Amended IRS Income Tax Return:

- A signed copy of the 2024 IRS Form 1040X, "Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," that was filed with the IRS; and one of the following:
 - Updated income and tax information from the IRS on an ISIR record with all tax information from the original tax return;
 - A 2024 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; or
 - A signed copy of the 2024 IRS Form 1040 and the applicable schedules that were filed with the IRS.

Individuals Who Were Victims of IRS Tax-Related Identity Theft:

- A Tax Return DataBase View (TRDBV) transcript obtained from the IRS or, if unable to obtain a TRDBV, an equivalent document provided by the IRS or a copy of the signed 2024 income tax return and applicable schedules the individual files with the IRS; and
- A statement signed and dated by the tax filer indicating that he or she was a victim of IRS tax related identify theft and that the IRS is aware of the tax related identify 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.