

2020-2021 Verification Worksheet

Independent Student - Tracking Group V4

Your 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. The law says 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 administrator at your school 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 the form and other required documents to the financial aid administrator at your school. Your school may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact your financial aid administrator as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

A. Student's Information

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	MI	Student's SSN or ID Number
Student's Street Address (include apt. no.)			Student's Date of Birth
City	State	Zip	Student's Email Address
Student's Phone Number		Student's Alternate or Cell Phone Number	

B. 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 2020-2021:

Check the box of the document you will attach to this worksheet:

- 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 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).
- For students who completed secondary education in a foreign country, a copy of the "secondary school leaving certificate" or other similar document.
- 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 office. In some cases, your school's financial aid office may accept a copy of a Form DD 214 as proof of high school completion.

C. Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

Section C is **ONLY** to be completed in person at the Institution or in front of a Notary.

Identity and Statement of Education Purpose (Signed in person at the Institution)

The student must appear in person at _____
(Name of Postsecondary Education Institution)

to verify his or her identity by presenting an unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a

Student Name: _____ Student ID Number: _____

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 below Statement of Education Purpose.

Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose
(Signed in the presence of a Notary only if unable to sign in person at the institution)

If the student is unable to appear in person at _____
(Name of Postsecondary Education 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.

In addition, the student must sign, in the presence of a notary, the below Statement of Education Purpose.

The following Statement of Educational Purpose is to be completed only in the presence of designated school official or notary.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____ am the individual signing this Statement of Educational Purpose
(Print Student's Name)

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 2020-2021.
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

(Student's Signature) (Date) (Student's ID Number)

(Financial Aid Administrator's Signature) Date

Notary's Certificate of Knowledge

State of _____ City/County of _____ On _____

before me, _____ personally appeared, _____
(Notary's Name) (Printed name of signer)

, and proved to me on basis of satisfactory evidence of identification _____
(Type of government-issued photo ID provided)

To be the above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal _____
(Notary Signature) (Date Commission Expires)

(Seal)

Return this original form with your proof of Identity to your school's financial aid office.

D. Certification and Signatures

Each person signing this worksheet certifies that all of the information reported on it is complete and correct.

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

The student must sign and date this form.

Student's Signature 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.