

Office of Financial Aid
2017 – 2018 Verification Worksheet

Your 2017–2018 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 (Department of Education) may ask you to confirm the information you and your parents reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information, financial aid administrators at Morgan State University 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.

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

A. Student's Information

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Student's M.I.	MSU ID Number
Student's Street Address (include apt. no.)			Student's Date of Birth
City	State	Zip Code	MSU Email Address
Student's Home Phone Number (include area code)		Student's Alternate or Cell Phone Number	

B. Family Information**Dependent Students - Dependent Student's Family Information**

List the people in your parent(s)' household include: (A) yourself and your parent(s) (including a stepparent) even if you don't live with your parent(s); (B) your parent(s)' other children, if your parent(s) will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, or if the other children would be required to provide parental information if they were completing a FAFSA for 2017–2018. Include children who meet either of these standards, even if they do not live with your parent(s); (C) Other people if they now live with your parent(s) and your parent(s) provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2018.

Independent Students - Independent Student's Family Information

List below the people in your household, include: (A) yourself (B) your spouse, if you are married. (C) 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. Include children who meet either of these standards, even if they do not live with you. (D) 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, 2018.

Include the name of the college for any household member, excluding parent(s) 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. *If more space is needed, attach a separate page with your name and MSU ID Number at the top.*

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time
		<i>Self</i>		

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C. Income Information to Be Verified

Student Instructions: Complete this section if the **student** and spouse (if married) 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.
- ☐ 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:

- Get Transcript by MAIL – Go to www.irs.gov, under the Tools heading, click "Get a tax transcript." 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, under the Tools heading, click "Get a tax transcript." 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

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 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.

Employer's Name	2015 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 Attached?
<i>Suzy's Auto Body Shop (example)</i>	<i>\$2,000.00(example)</i>	<i>Yes(example)</i>

If more space is needed, provide a separate page with the student's name and ID number at the top.

Provide documentation from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2016 that indicates a 2015 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS or other relevant tax authority.

- ___ Check here if confirmation of nonfiling is provided.
- ___ Check here if confirmation of nonfiling will be provided later.

Parent Instructions: Complete this section if the **parents** 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 parents **have used** the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web* to transfer 2015 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA.
- ☐ The parents **have 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.
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If the parents 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.

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Verification of 2015 Income Information for Parent Nontax Filers

The instructions and certifications below apply to each parent included in the household. Complete this section if the parents will not file and are not required to file a 2015 income tax return with the IRS.

Check the box that applies:

- ☐ Neither parent was employed, and neither had income earned from work in 2015.
- ☐ One or both parents 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 parents by their employers]. List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form.

Provide documentation from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2016 that indicates a 2015 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS or other relevant tax authority.

- ___ Check here if confirmation of nonfiling is provided.
- ___ Check here if confirmation of nonfiling will be provided later.

D. 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 2017–2018:

- 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 office.

E. Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (To be Signed at the Institution)

*****Complete this section only in the presence of a MSU, Office of Financial Aid Employee.***

The student must appear in person at **Morgan State University** or before a **Notary Public** to verify his or her identity by presenting 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 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:

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I, _____ am the individual signing this
(Print Student's 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
Morgan State University for 2017–2018.

(Student's Signature)

(Student's ID Number)

(Date)

(FAO Administrator's Signature)

(Date)

This original document and a copy of your valid photo ID must be returned to the Office of Financial Aid.

****Complete this section only if you are unable to appear in person.**

**Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement
(if applicable)**

State of _____ City/County of _____

On _____, before me, _____,

(Date)

(Notary)

personally appeared, _____, has presented a valid

(Signer/student)

government-issued photo identification (ID) such as, but limited to a driver's license, other state issued ID, or passport.

(Seal)

_____ My commission expires on _____

(notary signature)

(date)

F. Certification and Signature

I certify that all of the information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct. The student must sign this worksheet. If married, the spouse's signature is optional.

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

(Dependent Students Only)

Date: _____