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2025-2026 Independent Verification



Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has been selected for a process called verification. Federal law requires that an institution verify certain information that has been listed within the FAFSA before federal aid can be disbursed. To complete the federal verification process, the financial aid office will compare the information that has been listed on your FAFSA to the

A. Student Information

Print: Last Name, First Name, M. I.

CofC ID Number

B. Family Information

List the people in your household, including:

- ◆ You and your spouse if you are married, and,
- ◆ Your children, if any, if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, or if the child would be required to provide your information if they were completing a FAFSA for 2025-2026. Include children who meet either of the standards, even if they do not live with you, and,
- ◆ 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 from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Full Name	Date of Birth	Relationship
		Self (student)

C. Student Tax Forms and Income Information

Check box that applies	Filing status for 2023	Must submit the following (If married when FAFSA filed must include spouse's information even though you may not have been married during the 2023 Tax year).
	I filed a 2023 Federal Income Tax Return	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Transferred IRS data using the IRS Direct Data Exchange (DDX) OR ◆ Copy of your 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript with W2(s) OR ◆ Signed and dated copy of your 2023 1040 including applicable schedules and W2(s)
	I worked and/or had taxable income for 2023 and I am NOT REQUIRED to file and will not file	Complete Student Non-Tax Filer form (see page 2 for instructions), W2(s) IRS Non-Filer Letter (if available)
	I did not work or earn any taxed income for 2023 and I am not REQUIRED to file and will not file	IRS Non-Filer Letter (If unavailable submit SNF for student and Spouse if applicable)
	I corrected my 2023 Federal Income Tax Return using an Amended Return (Form 1040X).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Submit a signed copy of the Form 1040X filed with the IRS and W2(s) ◆ Submit a 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript (see page 2 for instructions). ◆ Signed and dated copy of your 2023 1040 including applicable schedules and W2(s)

Detailed Instructions and Explanations: 2025-2026 FAFSA Verification Worksheet

1. The best way to verify income is by using the IRS Direct Data Exchange (DDX) option within your FAFSA.
2. If you cannot use the IRS (DDX), you may obtain a Tax Return Transcript using these methods: On-line or by mail at www.irs.gov/Individuals/get-transcript. Order by phone: **1-800-908-9946**.
3. If you DID NOT FILE a tax return: Please provide our office with a Verification of Non-Filing Letter from the IRS for those that did not file a 2023 IRS tax return. Request this letter by contacting the IRS at 1-800-908-9946 or <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript> you must also complete the Student Non-Tax Filer form found on Financial Aid downloads form page <https://charleston.edu/cost-aid/financial-aid-forms/index.php> and include W2(s)
4. If you worked AND /OR had taxable income but did not file and are NOT REQUIRED TO FILE: Complete the Student Non-Filer form SNF26 and submit documentation and IRS Verification of Non-Filer letter if available.
5. If you intend to email or fax your documents to meet our security protocols, please mark out all but the last 4 of your social security number from all documents. **Always include students name and CofC ID number on documents submitted.**
6. ***If married you should provide information and documentation for you and your spouse, even if you were not married during the 2023 tax year**

D. Documentation of Identity/Statement of Educational Purpose

To complete the Verification process, you will need to appear in person at your postsecondary institution and present your government issued ID (such as a driver's license, passport, etc.) and this verification worksheet to an institutionally authorized financial aid administrator. Your financial aid administrator will need to validate the statement below at the time of submission by maintaining a copy of your photo ID and by providing a signature and date below. **If you cannot appear in person to submit this worksheet, you will need to provide a copy of your government issued ID and this worksheet notarized by a public notary.**

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____ am the individual signing this Statement of
print student's name

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 the College of Charleston.

Student's Signature and Date

Financial Aid Administrator Signature and Date

Notary's Certificate of Knowledge

State of _____ City/County of _____ on _____

Before me _____ personally appeared _____
print notary's name *print name of signer*

And provided to me on basis of satisfactory evidence of identification. _

government-issued ID. Do NOT use military ID

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

Witness my hand and official seal. _____

notary signature *date commission expires* *seal*

E. Sign this worksheet

By signing this worksheet, we certify that all the information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct.

Student **Note: Electronic signatures are NOT acceptable.** Date

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

Sign and date this worksheet and all required documents. One completed, mail to address below or submit to our office in person. Fax or email are not acceptable.

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