

## 2020-2021 Verification Worksheet

### Aggregate Verification - Independent Student

**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 reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information, we will compare your FAFSA with the information on this institutional verification document and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You and a parent whose information was reported on the FAFSA must complete and sign this institutional verification document, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to us. We may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact us as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.**

#### A. Independent Student's Information

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Social Security Number
Street Address (include apt. #)			Date of Birth
City	State	Zip	E-mail Address
Home Phone Number (include area code)			Alternate Number

#### B. Number of Household Members and Number in College (Independent Student)

Number of Household Members: List below the people in the parents' household. Include:

- The student.
- The parents (including a stepparent) even if the student doesn't live with the parents.
- The parents' other children if the parents will provide more than half of the children's support from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, or if the other children would be required to provide parental information if they were completing a FAFSA for 2020-2021. Include children who meet either of these standards, even if a child does not live with the parents.
- Other people if they now live with the parents and the parents provide more than half of the other person's support, and will continue to provide more than half of that person's support through June 30, 2021.

Number in College: Include in the space below information about any household member who is, or 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, 2020, and June 30, 2021, and include the name of the college.

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

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time (Yes or No)
		<i>Self</i>	<i>Meridian Technology Center</i>	

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.

### C. Independent Student's Verification of 2018 Income Information for *STUDENT TAX FILERS*

**Important Note:** The instructions below apply to the student and spouse, if the student is married. Notify the financial aid office if the student or spouse filed separate IRS income tax returns for 2018 or had a change in marital status after December 31, 2018.

**Instructions:** Complete this section if the student and spouse filed or will file a 2018 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](https://fafsa.gov).* In most cases, no further documentation is needed to verify 2018 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 2018 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 2018 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 **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)**.

A **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript** may be obtained through:

- **Get Transcript by MAIL** – Go to [www.irs.gov](https://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." The transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the online request.
- **Get Transcript ONLINE** – Go to [www.irs.gov](https://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." To use the Get Transcript Online tool, the user must have (1) access to a valid email address, (2) a text-enabled mobile phone (pay-as-you-go plans cannot be used) in the user's name, and (3) specific financial account numbers (such as a credit card number or an account number for a home mortgage or auto loan). The transcript displays online upon successful completion of the IRS's two-step authentication.

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- Automated Telephone Request – 1-800-908-9946. Transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the telephone request.
- Paper Request Form – IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T. The transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the paper request form.

If the student and spouse filed separate 2018 IRS income tax returns, the IRS DRT cannot be used and the **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** must be provided for each.

\_\_\_\_ Check here if a **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** is provided.

\_\_\_\_ Check here if a **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** will be provided later.

**D. Independent Student's Verification of 2016 Income Information for *STUDENT NONTAX FILERS WHO DID NOT FILE A RETURN WITH THE IRS.***

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 2018 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 2018.
- ☐ The student and/or spouse were employed in 2018 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2018, and whether an IRS W-2 form or an equivalent document is provided. [Provide copies of all 2018 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.

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

Employer's Name	IRS W-2 or an Equivalent Document Provided?	Annual Amount Earned in 2018
<i>(Example) ABC's Auto Body Shop</i>	Yes	\$4,500.00
Total Amount of Income Earned From Work		\$

Provide documentation from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2019 that indicates a 2018 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.

**E. 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:

- A copy of the student's high school diploma.

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- 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.

#### **F. Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (To Be Signed at Meridian Technology Center)**

The student must appear in person at Meridian Technology Center to verify his or her identity **by presenting a 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 by the institution with the date it was received and reviewed 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 Statement of Educational Purpose provided below.

#### **Statement of Educational Purpose**

I certify that I \_\_\_\_\_ am the individual signing  
(Print Student's Name)

this 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 Meridian Technology Center for 2020-2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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**G. Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (To Be Signed by Notary and in the Presence of a Notary)**

If the student is unable to appear in person at Meridian Technology Center to verify his or her identity, the student must provide:

- (a) A copy of the 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, which is provided below, 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.

**Statement of Educational Purpose**

I certify that I \_\_\_\_\_ am the individual signing  
(Print Student's Name)

this 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 Meridian Technology Center for 2020-2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement**

State of \_\_\_\_\_

City/County of \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Date) (Notary's name)

Personally appeared, \_\_\_\_\_, and proved to me  
(Printed name of signer)

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**

(Seal)

(Notary signature)

My commission expires on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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## H. Certifications and Signatures (Independent Student)

### Certifications and Signatures

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Student's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's ID Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature (Required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Signature (Optional)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date