



2025-2026 Verification Worksheet Independent Students V1
Office of Student Financial Aid | Florida Atlantic University

Instructions for Submitting:

- Complete this form fully and submit it via OWLFILES.
- You may also print this form and submit it in person to our office.

I. INDEPENDENT STUDENT'S INFORMATION

Your 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. Per Federal Regulations, before receiving Federal Student Aid, you are required to confirm the information you reported on your FAFSA. If there are differences between your FAFSA and the documentation provided, FAU will make corrections to your FAFSA. You must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit the complete packet to the FAU Office of Student Financial Aid. Additional information may be required.

Student's Last Name _____ Student's First Name _____ Student's M.I. _____

Student's ID Number _____ Student's Date of Birth _____ Student's Phone Number _____ Student's Email Address _____

Student's Street Address (include apt. no.) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

II. FAMILY INFORMATION

List everyone who is included in your family size. Your family size includes the following:

The student.

- The student's spouse, if applicable.
- The student's dependent children if the following are true:
 - They live with the student (or live apart because of college enrollment);
 - They receive more than half of their support from the student; and
 - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year.
- Other persons if the following are true:
 - They live with the student;
 - They receive more than half of their support from the student; and
 - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year.

The provided criteria for "dependent children" or "other persons" align with the requirement that family size align with whom the student could claim as a dependent on a U.S. tax return if the student were to file a U.S tax return at the time of completing the 2025-2026 FAFSA. As a result, the student should not include any unborn children in the family size. If more space is needed, provide a separate page with the student's name and ID number at the top.

Full Name	Age	Relationship
		<i>Self</i>

III. STUDENT INCOME INFORMATION

The instructions below apply to the student and spouse (if the student is married).

As part of federal student aid eligibility, students, and spouses (as appropriate), will be required to consent and approve sharing and importing income and tax information from the IRS to the FAFSA form, even if the attempt to obtain or use such data is ineffective. In other words, if the student and spouse filed separate 2023 IRS income tax returns, both must provide consent and approval to share and import income and tax information from the IRS. In most cases, no further documentation is needed to verify 2023 income information that was transferred into the student's FAFSA using income and tax information directly from the IRS. If 2023 income tax return information for the student (or spouse, if applicable) was not available or could not be used, the student should provide FAU with a 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2023 income tax return and applicable schedules. If the student or spouse filed an income tax return with a tax authority other than the IRS, provide a signed copy of the income tax return that was filed with the relevant tax authority.

Did the student file a 2023 income tax return with the IRS?

- ☐ **STUDENT IS A TAX RETURN FILER:** The student filed or will file a 2023 income tax return with the IRS. In most cases, no further documentation is needed. If the information was not successfully imported into the FAFSA, the student is required to submit copies of 2023 income tax returns to the Financial Aid Office. If married, the spouse may also be required to submit additional information (such as a tax return or certification of non-filing) to the Financial Aid Office. Review your financial aid status on MyFAU Self Service to see if additional information is required.
- ☐ **STUDENT IS A TAX RETURN NON-FILER:** The student will not file and is not required to file a 2023 income tax return with the IRS. By signing this verification worksheet, you (the student) certify that you have not filed and are not required to file a 2023 income tax return. You also certify that you have listed below the sources and amounts of earnings, other income, and resources that supported you for the 2023 tax year. If you are married, your spouse may also be required to submit additional information (such as a tax return or certification of non-filing) to the Financial Aid Office. Review your financial aid status on MyFAU Self Service to see if additional information is required.

IF TAX RETURN NON-FILER, SELECT WHICH APPLIES:

- ☐ The student has no earnings, other income, or resources to report for the 2023 tax year. The student was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2023.
- ☐ The student has earnings, other income, or resources to report for the 2023 tax year. All amounts must be listed below. If employed in 2023, the student has listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2023, and whether an IRS W-2 form or an equivalent is provided. Provide copies of all 2023 IRS W-2 forms issued to the student by employers. List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form.

Employer or Other Income Source	Amount Earned or Received	W2 Provided?

IV. STUDENT ASSET INFORMATION (If question does not apply, place 0 in field)

As of today, what is the student (and spouse's) current total of cash, savings, and checking accounts? Don't include student financial aid.

As of today, what is the student (and spouse's) current net worth of investments, including real estate? Don't include the home the student lives in, retirement or life insurance plans, or possessions such as a car for personal use. Net worth is the value of the investments minus any debts owed against them.

As of today, what is the student (and spouse's) current net worth of businesses and investment farms? Enter the net worth of the student's businesses or for-profit agricultural operations. Net worth is the value of the businesses or farms minus any debts owed against them. Report the net worth of all businesses and farms, regardless of the size of the enterprise, location of the family's residence on the property, or number of employees.

V. CERTIFICATIONS AND SIGNATURES

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct. The student must sign and date.

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

Print Student's Name

Student's ID Number

Student's Signature (Required)

Date

Spouse's Signature (Optional)

Date

Typed signatures will not be accepted. Signatures must be signed by a pen or stylus.