

2017–2018 Verification Worksheet

Independent Student-Group 5

A. Student's Information

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Redlands ID or SSN
Street Address (include apt. no.)	City	State	Zip Code
Date of Birth	Telephone Number w/ Area Code		

B. Household Information

Number of Household: List the people in the student's household. Include:

- The student
- The student's spouse, if the student is married
- The student's or spouse's children if the student or spouse will provide more than half of the children's support from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, even if the children do not live with the student
- Other people if they now live with the student and the student or spouse provides more than half of the other people's support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2018

NOTE for College Attending Section: Only include information about household members, who 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, 2017, and June 30, 2018. Include the name of the college and write yes in the box next to it if they will be enrolled at least half-time.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College Attending (Do Not Include K-12)	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time (Yes or No)
1)		Self (Student)	University of Redlands	Yes
2)				
3)				
4)				
5)				
6)				

C. Student's Income to Be Verified

Did you file a 2015 Tax Return? ☐ **Yes-** Complete Part 1 and Skip Part 2. ☐ **No-** Skip Part 1 and Complete Part 2.

1. Student Tax Return Filers

Instructions: Complete this section if the student filed or will file a 2015 federal income tax return. *The best way to verify income is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT) which is part of FAFSA on the Web.* In most cases, no further documentation is needed to verify 2015 income information that was transferred 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 to transfer their 2015 IRS income tax return information onto their FAFSA.
- ☐ The student has not yet used the IRS DRT on their FAFSA, but will use the tool to transfer their tax information once their 2015 IRS income tax return has been filed.
- ☐ The student is unable or chooses not to use the IRS DRT on their FAFSA, and instead will provide the school a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)**.

A **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript** may be obtained through:

- Get Transcript ONLINE – Go to <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>, click "Get a tax transcript ONLINE" or click "Get Transcript by MAIL." 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. www.irs.gov/form4506t

____ 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.

2. Student Tax Return Non-Filers-

Instructions: Complete this section if the student is not required to file a 2015 federal tax return with the IRS.

Check the box that applies:

- ☐ The student was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2015.
- ☐ The student was employed in 2015 and has listed the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2015, and whether an IRS W-2 form is provided. List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form.

Provide copies of all 2015 IRS W-2 forms issued to the student by their employer(s)

Employer's Name	Amount Earned in 2015	IRS W-2 Provided? (Yes of No)
<i>ABC's Auto Body Shop (example)</i>	<i>\$4,500.00</i>	<i>Yes</i>
Total Amount of Income Earned From Work	\$	

Note: Individuals who did not file a 2015 IRS Tax Return must provide documentation from the IRS or other relevant Tax Authority dated on or after October 1, 2016 that indicates a 2015 IRS income return was not filed with the IRS or relevant tax authority. This can be obtained by clicking "Get a tax transcript ONLINE" at <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript> or by completing the 4506T request form, which you can find at www.irs.gov/form4506t. **Also, you will need to complete a Student Non-Filer Statement Form from www.redlands.edu/faforms and provide copies of your 2015 W2's from your income earned from work.**

____ Check here if Confirmation of Non-Filing from the IRS and Non-Filer Statement form is provided.

____ Check here if Confirmation of Non-Filing from the IRS and Non-Filer Statement Form will be provided later.

D. Student's High School Completion Status

Instructions: Provide one of the following documents below that indicate the student's high school completion status when the student will begin college in 2017-2018. **If you are unable to obtain the documentation listed below, you must contact Student Financial Services.**

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 copy of the student's General Educational Development (GED) certificate, an official GED transcript that indicates the student passed the exam, or a state-authorized high school equivalent certificate.
- ☐ 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 homeschooled student from a state where state law requires the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
- ☐ For a homeschooled student from a state where state law does not require the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (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

E. Documentation of Identity/Statement of Educational Purpose

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED IN THE PRESENCE OF A SCHOOL OFFICIAL

If you cannot appear in person to submit this worksheet, you will need to mail a copy of your valid unexpired government issued ID along with this worksheet notarized by a public 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 the 2017-2018 Academic Year.
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

Print to Sign

(Student's Signature)

(Date)

(Print this section to complete with a notary if you did not complete the above section in person)

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of _____ City/County of _____

On _____, before me, _____,
(Date) (Notary's name)

personally appeared, _____, and proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence of
(Printed name of signer)

identification _____ signed the foregoing instrument.
(Type of valid unexpired government-issued photo ID provided)

WITNESS my hand and official seal _____
(Notary signature) (Date commission expires)

(Seal)

F. Certification and Signatures

I (We) certify that all information reported on or submitted with this form is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge. I (We) understand that if we purposefully give false or misleading information to qualify for financial aid, I (we) may be subject to prosecution, which may result in a fine, a prison sentence, or both.

Print to Sign

Student Signature (Required)

Date

Spouse Signature (optional)

Date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Student presented one of the following unexpired form of ID:

- ☐ State Driver's License or Identification Card
- ☐ U.S. Passport
- ☐ Military ID Card

School Official Printed Name: _____

School Official Signature: _____

Date: _____

Frequently Asked Questions about Verification

What is verification and why do I have to do it?

Verification is one form of financial aid “quality control.” The process enables Student Financial Services to *verify* the accuracy of the information that you provided on your application for financial assistance. The United States Department of Education (DoED) selects you to complete the verification process. Some students are selected every year and some are never selected at all. In some cases, the University of Redlands may institutionally select students to complete the process.

Do I really have to complete the verification process?

YES! Regardless of how or why you were selected, you must complete the verification process in full if you wish to receive any financial aid. Scholarships and grants will not be credited to your student account until verification is completed. In addition, loans will not be processed and you will not be allowed to begin a Federal Work Study job.

How long do I have to complete the verification process?

To expedite your financial aid package, you should respond as soon as possible. Your financial aid will not be finalized until the verification process is complete. It is your responsibility to ensure that your verification paperwork is returned to Student Financial Services in a timely manner.

PLEASE NOTE: Students who do not complete verification before the start of classes will have the federal and state portions of the package temporarily placed on HOLD. Students will be responsible for financing the entire semester balance until the verification is completed. Once verification is complete and eligibility determined, the federal and state portions of financial aid will be reinstated or adjusted if applicable.

What does my verification “group” mean?

The Department of Education has implemented verification groups V1, V4 and V5. Please refer to your verification letter for a list of the documents that you must provide for your verification group, as each group has distinct requirements. If you have further questions please contact Student Financial Services.

I filed a tax extension. What documents do I need to submit for the verification process?

If you filed an extension, please submit the following documents:
 -A copy of IRS Form 4868, (Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return) that was filed with the IRS for tax year 2015;
 -A copy of the IRS’s approval of an extension beyond the automatic six-month extension if the individual requested an additional extension of the filing time for the 2015 tax year.
 -Verification of Non-filing letter (confirmation that the tax return has not been filed) from the IRS or other relevant tax authority that indicates a 2015 IRS Tax Return was not filed with the IRS or other relevant tax authority.
 -A copy of the IRS’s approval of an extension beyond the automatic six-month extension if the individual requested an additional extension of the filing time for tax year 2015; **and**
 -A copy of IRS Form W-2 for each source of employment income received for tax year 2015 and, if self-employed, a signed statement certifying the amount of the individual’s Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) and the U.S. income tax paid for tax year 2015

Am I required to submit 2015 W-2 forms?

You are only required to submit W-2 forms if you did not file a 2015 tax return, or if you filed or will file a tax extension.

I did not file my taxes, do I need to provide proof of Non-filing?

Yes, you will need to provide a Verification of Non-filing letter from the IRS or other relevant tax authority that indicates a 2015 IRS Tax Return was not filed with the IRS. If you did not file a 2015 Tax Return or filed an extension, you can obtain a non-filing statement from the IRS website by clicking "Get a tax transcript ONLINE" at <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript> or by completing the 4506T request form, which you can find the at www.irs.gov/form4506t.

I filed an amended tax return. What documentation do I need to submit?

Please contact Student Financial Services as soon as possible if you have filed or plan on filing an amended return. If you filed an amended IRS Income Tax return for tax year 2015, provide both of the following:
 -A copy of the original 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript
 -A signed copy of the 2015 IRS Form 1040X, “Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return,” that was filed with the IRS.

Do I need to provide my Tax Return Transcript and use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool?

No. You are only required to submit one or the other.

How do I obtain a copy of my 2015 Tax Return Transcripts?

A 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be obtained through the: Online Request - Go to www.irs.gov/transcript, click “Get Transcript Online” or “Get Transcript by MAIL.” Request the transcript by phone at 1-800-908-9946 or you can request the transcript with paper form 4506T-EZ or 4506-T by mailing in or faxing the request to the contact information listed on the form. (It is very important that your information matches exactly what the IRS has on file for you when completing this form.) Verify your name, address, social security number, and filing status before sending the form. Make sure to request the “IRS Tax Return Transcript” and **NOT** the “IRS Tax Account Transcript.” *In most cases, for electronic tax return filers, the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript will become available to them within 2–3 weeks after their 2015 return has been accepted by the IRS. For paper filers it will generally take 8 weeks after their 2015 return has been received by the IRS before the tool or transcript become available.

How do I use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool?

Go to www.FAFSA.gov, log in to your student FAFSA record, select “Make FAFSA Corrections,” and navigate to the Financial Information section of the form. From there, follow the instructions to determine if you are eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer 2015 IRS income tax information into the FAFSA. It takes 2-3 weeks for IRS income information to be available for the IRS Data Retrieval Tool for electronic IRS tax return filers, and up to 8 weeks for paper IRS tax return filers.

I am victim of identity theft. How do I complete the verification process?

If you are a victim of IRS tax-related identity theft you must provide:
 -A Tax Return Data Base View (TRDBV) transcript obtained from the IRS, or a IRS tax transcript(s); **and**
 -A statement signed and dated by the tax filer indicating that he or she was a victim of IRS tax-related identity theft and that the IRS is aware of the tax-related identity theft

I filed a foreign tax return. What tax documents do I need to provide?

If you filed or will file a 2015 income tax return with the relevant taxing authority of a U.S. territory, commonwealth, or with a foreign central government must provide:
 -A transcript obtained from a government of a U.S. territory or commonwealth, or a foreign central government that includes all of the tax filer’s income and tax information required to be verified for tax year 2015; **or** -If a transcript cannot be obtained at no cost from the relevant taxing authority, a signed copy of the 2015 income tax return(s)