



Independent Verification Worksheet V5

Your 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected by the Department of Education for review in a process called Verification. Federal law requires the Office of Financial Aid to confirm the information you and your parents reported on your FAFSA before awarding federal student aid. To verify that you provided the correct information, we will compare your FAFSA with the information on this worksheet and any other required documents. We may ask for additional information. If there are differences, your FAFSA may need to be corrected.

Independent Student Information: Please print clearly.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Student Social Security Number	Student Phone Number	Student Date of Birth

Independent Student's Family Information

List below the people in the student's Family Size. Include yourself (the student). The student's spouse if the student is married. The student's or spouse's children if they live with the student (or live apart because of college enrollment); 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 people, 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.

If more space is needed, attach a separate page with the student's name and Wheeling Student ID# at the top.

FULL NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT
		Student

Independent Student's Income Information to Be Verified

STUDENT SECTION (Check one box only)	SPOUSE SECTION (Check one box only)
☐ I consented to the Future Act Direct Data Exchange to transfer 2024 IRS federal tax information (FTI) into the FAFSA, and the transfer was successful.	☐ I consented to the Future Act Direct Data Exchange to transfer 2024 IRS federal tax information (FTI) into the FAFSA, and the transfer was successful.
☐ I consented to the Future Act Direct Data Exchange to transfer 2024 IRS federal tax information (FTI) into the FAFSA income tax information (FTI) into FAFSA, but the transfer was not successful. Please attach your 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcripts.	☐ I consented to the Future Act Direct Data Exchange to transfer 2024 IRS federal tax information (FTI) into the FAFSA income tax information (FTI) into FAFSA, but the transfer was not successful. Please attach your 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcripts.
☐ I am not required to file, and I did not / will not file IRS federal income taxes for 2023. Complete and attach the Verification of 2024 Income Information for Student Nontax Filers form for 2026 - 2027 available at: Forms – Wheeling University Financial Aid.	☐ I am not required to file, and I did not / will not file IRS federal income taxes for 2023. Complete and attach the Verification of 2024 Income Information for Parent Nontax Filers form for 2026 - 2027 available at: Forms – Wheeling University Financial Aid.

Identity – At the Institution

- The student must appear in person at Wheeling University to verify his or her identity by presenting a valid government-issued photo identification (ID) that is acknowledged below, 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.

Identity – To Be Signed with Notary

If the student is unable to appear in person at Wheeling University to verify his or her identity, the student must provide:

- A copy of the valid government-issued photo identification (ID) that is acknowledged below, such as but not limited to a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport; and
- The original notarized Statement on the next page.

Identity – At the Institution

For office use only:

Attached is an unexpired copy of acceptable proof of government-issued identity as marked below:

- ☐ Driver's license
- ☐ Non-driver's identification card
- ☐ State-issued identification card
- ☐ Passport
- ☐ Other: _____

Financial Aid Office Representative

Date

Identity – To Be Signed with Notary

NOTARY'S CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of _____ City/County of _____. On _____,

before me, _____, personally appeared, _____,
(Notary's Name) (Printed Name of Signer)

and provided to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence of identification _____ to be
(Type of Government-Issued Photo ID Provided)
the above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL

NOTARY SIGNATURE

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES ON SEAL

SEAL

Certifications and Signatures

Each person signing this worksheet certifies that all the information reported on this form is accurate and complete.

Student's Signature (Required) Date

Spouse's Signature (Required if Married) Date