

2020-2021 Verification Worksheet 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 the financial aid administrator at your school will compare your FAFSA with the information on this worksheet and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to the financial aid administrator at your school. Your school may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact your financial aid administrator as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

Independent Student's Information (ALL Codes)

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| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Student's Last Name | Student's First Name | Student's M.I. | Student Last 4 SSN |
| _____ | | | _____ |
| Student's Street Address (include apt. no.) | | | Student's Date of Birth |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| City, | State | Zip Code | Student's Home Number (w/ area code) |
| _____ | | | _____ |
| Student's Email Address | | | Student's Cell/Alternate Number |

Certification and Signature (Independent Student)(ALL Codes)

Certification and Signature

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

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

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| _____ | _____ |
| Print Student's Name | Student's last 4 SSN |
| _____ | _____ |
| Student's Signature (Required) | Date |

Student's Name: _____ **Last 4 SSN:** _____

Number of Household Members and Number in College (Independent Student)

(ALL Codes)

Number of Household Members: List below 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, 2019, through June 30, 2020, 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, 2020.

Number in College: Include below information about, any household member 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, 2018, and June 30, 2020, include the name of the college.

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) |
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| | | <i>Self</i> | <i>ECTC</i> | <i>Y</i> |
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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.

Student's Name: _____ **Last 4 SSN:** _____

Verification of 2018 Income Information for Student Tax Filers (V1, V5, V6)

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 the end of the 2018 tax year on 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.

In most cases, for electronic tax return filers, 2018 IRS income tax return information for the IRS DRT is available within 2–3 weeks after the 2018 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2018 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2018 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT within 8–11 weeks after the 2018 paper IRS income tax return has been received by the IRS. Contact the financial aid office if more information is needed about using the IRS DRT.

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 once the 2018 IRS income tax return has been filed.
- The student is unable or chooses not to use the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, and instead will provide the school a **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)**.

To obtain a **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript**, go to www.irs.gov and click on the "Order a Return or Account Transcript" link. Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and not the "IRS Tax Account Transcript." Use the Social Security Number (or the IRS individual taxpayer identification number) and the date of birth of the first person listed on the 2018 IRS income tax return, and the address on file with the IRS (normally this will be the address used on the 2018 IRS income tax return). In most cases, for electronic filers, a **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript** may be requested from the IRS within 2–3 weeks after the 2018 IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2018 paper IRS income tax returns, the **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript** may be requested within 8–11 weeks after the 2018 paper IRS income tax return has been received by the IRS.

If the student and spouse filed separate 2018 IRS income tax returns, **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcripts** must be provided for both.

____ 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.

Student's Name: _____ **Last 4 SSN:** _____

Verification of 2018 Income Information for Individuals with Unusual Circumstances

Individuals Granted a Filing Extension by the IRS

If an individual is required to file a 2018 IRS income tax return and has been granted a filing extension by the IRS, provide 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 2018;
- 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 2018; and
- A copy of IRS Form W–2 for each source of employment income received for tax year 2018 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 2018.

Individuals Who Filed an Amended IRS Income Tax Return

If an individual filed an amended IRS income tax return for tax year 2018, provide both of the following:

- A signed copy of the original 2018 IRS income tax return that was filed with the IRS or a **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript** or the 2018 tax year; and
- A signed copy of the 2018 IRS Form 1040X, “Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return,” that was filed with the IRS.

Individuals Who Were Victims of IRS Identity Theft

- A victim of IRS identity theft who is not able to obtain a **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript** or use the IRS DRT must contact the IRS at 1-800-908-4490. Upon authentication of the tax filer’s identity, the IRS will provide, by U.S. Postal Service, a printout of the tax filer’s 2018 IRS income tax return information.

Individuals Who Filed Non-IRS Income Tax Returns

- An individual filed or will file a 2018 income tax return with Puerto Rico, another U.S. territory (e.g., Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Northern Marianas Islands), or with a foreign country, must provide a signed copy of that 2018 income tax return(s).

Student's Name: _____ Last 4 SSN: _____

Verification of 2018 Income Information for Student Nontax Filers (V1, V5, V6)

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 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 | 2018 Amount Earned | IRS W-2 Provided? |
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| <i>Suzy's Auto Body Shop (example)</i> | <i>\$2,000.00</i> | <i>Yes</i> |
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Note: We may require you to provide documentation from the IRS that indicates a 2018 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS, Form 4506-T fax to 855-821-0094

Student's Name: _____ Last 4 SSN: _____

Receipt of SNAP Benefits

The student certifies that _____, a member of the student's household, received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) sometime during 2018 or 2018. SNAP may be known by another name in some states. For assistance in determining the name used in a state, please call 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

The student's household includes:

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, 2018, 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, 2020.

Note: If we have reason to believe that the information regarding the receipt of SNAP benefits is inaccurate, we may require documentation from the agency that issued the SNAP benefits in 2018 or 2018.

Child Support Paid

The student or spouse, who is a member of the student's household, paid child support in 2018. List below the names of the persons who paid the child support, the names of the persons to whom the child support was paid, the names of the children for whom the child support was paid, and the total annual amount of child support that was paid in 2018 for each child.

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

| Name of Person Who Paid Child Support | Name of Person to Whom Child Support was Paid | Name of Child for Whom Support Was Paid | Amount of Child Support Paid in 2018 |
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Note: If we have reason to believe that the information regarding child support paid is not accurate, we may require additional documentation, such as:

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- A copy of the separation agreement or divorce decree that shows the amount of child support to be provided;
- A signed statement from the individual receiving the child support certifying the amount of child support received; or
- Copies of the child support payment checks, money order receipts, or similar records of electronic payments having been made.

Student's Name: _____ **Last 4 SSN:** _____

High School Completion Status (V4, V5)

Provide one of the following documents that indicate the student's high school completion status when the student will begin college in 2020-2021:

- 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.

A student who is unable to obtain the documentation listed above must contact the financial aid office.

Student's Signature: _____ **Last 4 SSN:** _____

Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

(To Be Signed at the Institution)

(V4, V5)

The student must appear in person at Emerald Coast Technical College 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 following English or Spanish Statement:

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____ am the individual signing this
(Print Student's Name)

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 Emerald Coast Technical College for 2020-2021.

(Student's Signature)

(Date)

Declaración de Propósito Educativo

Certifico que yo, _____, soy el individuo que firma esta
[Imprimir Nombre del Estudiante]

Declaración de Finalidad Educativa y que la ayuda financiera federal estudiantil que yo pueda recibir, sólo será utilizada para fines educativos y para pagar el costo de asistir a Emerald Coast Technical College para 2018-2018.

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[Imprimir Nombre de Institución Educativa Postsecundaria]

[Firma del Estudiante]

[la Fecha]

***Do not mail this worksheet to the U.S. Department of Education.
Submit this worksheet to the financial aid administrator at your school.
You should make a copy of this worksheet for your records.***