

# 2023-2024 Verification Worksheet

## Independent Student



Your 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.

### A. Independent Student's Information

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

Student's Social Security Number

Student's Street Address (include apt. no.)

Student's Date of Birth

City State Zip Code

Student's Email Address

Student's Phone Number (include area code)

Student's Alternate Phone Number

### B. Independent Student's Number of Household Members and Number in College

#### 1. List below the people in your household. Include:

- Yourself.
- Your spouse, if you are married.
- Your children or spouse's children if you or your spouse will provide more than half of the children's support from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, even if a child does 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 person's support and will continue to provide more than half of that person's support through June 30, 2024.

#### 2. 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, 2023, and June 30, 2024, and 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
<i>Marty Jones(example)</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Central University</i>	<i>Yes or No</i>
		<i>Self</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.

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SSN or ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Independent Student's Income Information to Be Verified**

**[STUDENT] TAX FILERS ONLY - If you did not file a tax return, continue to the next page.**

**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 2021, filed an **AMENDED** 2021 IRS tax return or had a change in marital status after December 31, 2021.

**Instructions:** Complete this section if the student and spouse filed or will file a 2021 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 2021 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:**

I, the student, have used the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web* to transfer 2021 IRS income tax return information into the FAFSA.

I, the student, have not yet used the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, but will use the tool to transfer 2021 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA.

I, the student, am unable or choose not to use the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, and instead will provide the school with a **2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2021 income tax return and applicable schedules.**

A **2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript** may be obtained through:

- **Get Transcript ONLINE** – Go to [www.irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov), under “Get Your Tax Record” heading, click “Get Transcript ONLINE.” Make sure to request the “IRS Tax Return Transcript” and **NOT** the “IRS Tax Account Transcript.”
- **Get Transcript by MAIL** – Go to [www.irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov), under “Get Your Tax Record” heading, 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 or 1-800-829-1040 to fax requested document to SEARK
- **Paper Request Form** – IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T

In most cases, for electronic tax return filers, 2021 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 2–3 weeks after the 2021 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2021 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2021 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 6–8 weeks after the 2021 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 or obtaining an IRS Tax Return Transcript.

If the student and spouse filed separate 2021 IRS income tax returns, the IRS DRT cannot be used and the **2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** must be provided for each.

Check here if a **2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** is provided **or a signed copy of the 2021 Income tax return and applicable schedules** is provided.

Check here if a **2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** will be provided later **or a signed copy of the 2021 income tax return and applicable schedules** will be provided later

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN or ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**D. [STUDENT] NON-TAX FILERS—ONLY** *If you filed a tax return, complete Section C.*

Complete this section if you, the student (and, if married, your spouse), will not file and are not required to file a 2021 income tax return with the IRS.

**Check the box that applies:**

- The student (and, if married, the student's spouse) was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2021.
- The student (and/or the student's spouse if married) was employed in 2021 and has listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2021. Attach copies of all 2021 W-2 forms issued to you (and, if married, your spouse) by employers. *List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form. If more space is needed, attach a separate page with your name and SSN at the top.*

Employer's Name	2021 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 Attached?
<i>Suzy's Auto Body Shop (example)</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>	<i>Yes</i>

- Provide documentation from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after **October 1, 2022** that indicates a 2021 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS or other relevant tax authority.

A 2021 non-tax filing verification form may be obtained by 1) **Automated Telephone Request** – 1-800-908-9946 or 1-800-829-1040 to fax requested document to SEARK or 2) **Paper Request Form** – IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T, available in the Financial Aid Office or online at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

- Check here if confirmation of non-filing is provided or a signed statement is provided.
- Check here if confirmation of non-filing will be provided later or a signed statement is provided.

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SSN or ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **E. Student 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 2023-2024:

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

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SSN or ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**F. Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose**

1. The student must appear in person at **Southeast Arkansas College** to verify his or her identity by presenting an unexpired 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 receive and review the student's ID.

In addition, the student must sign, in the presence of the institutional official, the Statement of Educational Purpose provided below.

2. **If the student is unable to appear in person at SOUTHEAST AR COLLEGE** to verify his or her identity, the student must provide to the institution.
  - (a) A copy of the unexpired 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 provided below, which 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**

**(Must Sign In Person At The SEARK Financial Aid Office Or In Front Of Notary)**

I certify that I (**Print Student Name**) \_\_\_\_\_ am the individual signing 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 **SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE** for 2023-2024.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's ID number)

**➤ Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement – (If you are unable to sign in person, you must sign in front of a notary)**

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

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

On \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_,

(Date)

(Notary's name)

personally appeared, \_\_\_\_\_, and proved to me

(Printed name of signer)

because of satisfactory evidence of identification \_\_\_\_\_

(Type of unexpired government-issued photo ID provided)

to be the above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument.

**WITNESS my hand and official seal**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary signature)

My commission expires on \_\_\_\_\_

(Date)

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SSN or ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**G. Certification and Signature**

I certify that all of the information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct. The student must sign this worksheet. If married, the spouse's signature is optional.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Return to the SEARK Financial Aid Office by email, regular mail, or in person.  
E-mail: [finaid@seark.edu](mailto:finaid@seark.edu)

*You should make a copy of this worksheet for your records.*

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