Verification of 2015 IRS Income Tax Return Information for Independent Students

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 2015 or had a change in marital status after December 31, 2015.

Instructions: Complete this section if the student and spouse filed or will file a 2015 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. In most cases, no further documentation is needed to verify 2015 IRS income tax return 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:

☐ The student has used the IRS DRT in FAFSA on the Web to transfer 2015 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 2015 IRS income tax return information into the student’s FAFSA once the 2015 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 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s). (signature not required)

To obtain a 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript, go to www.irs.gov and click on the “Order a Return or Account Transcript” link, or call 1-800-908-9946. Make sure to request the “IRS Tax Return Transcript” and not the “IRS Tax Account Transcript.” Use the Social Security Number and date of birth of the first person listed on the 2015 IRS income tax return, and the address on file with the IRS (normally this will be the address used on the 2015 IRS income tax return). In most cases, for electronic filers, a 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be requested from the IRS within 2–3 weeks after the 2015 IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2015 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be requested within 6-8 weeks after the 2015 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 2015 IRS income tax returns, 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcripts must be provided for both.

_____ 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.
Verification of 2015 Income Information for Student Nontax Filers

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 2015 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 2015.

☐ The student and/or spouse were employed in 2015 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2015, and whether an IRS W-2 form is provided. [Provide copies of all 2015 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.

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<th>Employer’s Name</th>
<th>2015 Amount Earned</th>
<th>IRS W-2 Provided?</th>
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<td>Suzy’s Auto Body Shop (example)</td>
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Total Amount of Income Earned from Work $ 

Note: We may require you to provide documentation from the IRS that indicates a 2015 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS.
Number of Household Members and Number in College

1. 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 their support from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, 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 their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2017.

2. For 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, 2016, and June 30, 2017, include the name of the college.

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<th>Full Name</th>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Relationship</th>
<th>College</th>
<th>Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time (Yes or No)</th>
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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.

Certification and Signature

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

Print Student’s Name ___________________________ Student’s ID Number ___________________________

Student’s Signature (Required) ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Spouse’s Signature (Optional) ___________________________ Date ___________________________

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