

2025-2026 Verification Worksheet

Independent Student

Your 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. In this process your school will be comparing information from your FAFSA with your 2023 Federal tax return information (loaded to the FAFSA by the Future Act Direct Data Exchange) and any other required documents requested either on this worksheet or on the Student Portal. Federal Law says your school has the right to ask you for this information before awarding Federal aid. If there are differences, the school may need to make corrections to your FAFSA. You and your parent(s) included on the FAFSA must complete this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit to the SUNY Ulster Financial Aid Office. It must be signed by you and at least one parent. Students are expected to complete verification as soon as possible so that processing of your financial aid is not delayed. If you have questions about verification, please contact the SUNY Ulster Financial Aid Office. SUNY Ulster must review the requested information under the Financial Aid Program Rules (CFR Title 34, Part668).

A. Independent Student's Information

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Student's M.I.	SUNY Ulster ID (U#)
Student's Street Address (include apt. no.)			Student's Date of Birth
City	State	Zip Code	Student's Phone Number

B. Independent Student's Family Information

The provided criteria for "dependent children" or "other persons" mirror the requirement that family size align with those the parent could claim as a dependent on a U.S. tax return if the parent were to file a U.S tax return at the time of completing the 2025-2026 FAFSA. As a result, the parent should not include any unborn children in the family size.

List below the people you will support between July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Include:

- Yourself and your spouse included on the FAFSA.
 - Exclude a spouse who has died or is not living in the household because of separation or divorce.
 - Include a spouse who is on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces apart from the family.
- The student's children if all of the following are true:
 - They live with you (or live apart because of college enrollment);
 - They receive more than half of their support from you; and
 - They will continue to receive more than half their support from you during the award year.
- Other persons if the following are true:
 - They live with the student;
 - They receive more than half of their support from you; and
 - They will continue to receive more than half their support from you during the award year.

Write the names below of all family members described above, including yourself. If more space is needed, attach a separate page.

Full Name	Age	Birthday	Relationship to Student
David Rose (example)	42	7/2/1983	Husband
			Self

C. Independent Student's Tax Return Transcript and Income Information to Be Verified

1. Check only one option below:

- ☐ I was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2023.
☐ I filed taxes in 2023 and am attaching a copy of my signed 2023 tax return or tax transcript.
☐ I filed taxes in 2023 and a tax return transcript will be submitted to the school by _____ (date).
☐ I was employed in 2023, but I was not required to file taxes.

List below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2023, and whether an IRS W-2 form or an equivalent document was provided to you. If you received an IRS W-2, you will be required to submit a copy.

Employer's Name	Amount Earned in 2023	IRS W-2 Received?

2. Check only one option below:

- ☐ I did not have any other income in 2023.
☐ I had other income and resources in 2023 listed below. Documentation to support the income listed will be provided.

Source of Income (Examples: Social Security Income, Child Support, Spousal Maintenance)	Amount Received in 2023

D. Spouse's Tax Return Transcript and Income Information to Be Verified

1. Check only one option below:

- ☐ I was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2023.
☐ I filed taxes in 2023 and am attaching a copy of my signed 2023 tax return or tax transcript.
☐ I filed taxes in 2023 and a tax return transcript will be submitted to the school by _____ (date).
☐ I was employed in 2023, but I was not required to file taxes.

List below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2023, and whether an IRS W-2 form or an equivalent document was provided to you. If you received an IRS W-2, you will be required to submit a copy.

Employer's Name	Amount Earned in 2023	IRS W-2 Received?

2. Check only one option below:

- ☐ I did not have any other income in 2023.
☐ I had other income and resources in 2023 listed below. Documentation to support the income listed will be provided.

Source of Income (Examples: Social Security Income, Child Support, Spousal Maintenance)	Amount Received in 2023

E. Certification and Signatures

Each person signing below certifies that all of the verification documents submitted with this certification are complete and correct. The student and one parent whose information was reported on the FAFSA must sign and date.

WARNING: If you receive federal student aid based on incorrect or fraudulent information, you will have to pay it back. You may also have to pay fines and fees. If you purposely provide false or misleading information on the FAFSA and/or Federal Verification documentation, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Spouse Signature: _____

Date: _____