



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

**1. TAX RETURN FILERS—Important Note:** If you (or your spouse, if married) filed, or will file, an amended 2015 IRS tax return, you must contact the financial aid administrator before completing this section.

**Instructions:** Complete this section if you, the student, filed or will file a 2015 income tax return with the IRS. *The best way to verify income is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool that is part of FAFSA on the Web. If you have not already used the tool, go to [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov), log in to your FAFSA record, select "Make FAFSA Corrections," and navigate to the Financial Information section of the form. From there, follow the instructions to determine if you are eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer 2015 IRS income tax information into your FAFSA. It takes up to two weeks for IRS income information to be available for the IRS Data Retrieval Tool for electronic IRS tax return filers, and up to eight weeks for paper IRS tax return filers. If you need more information about when, or how to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool see your financial aid administrator.*

**Check the box that applies:**

- I, the student, have used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web to retrieve and transfer my (and, if married, my spouse's) 2015 IRS income information into my FAFSA, either on the initial FAFSA or when making a correction to the FAFSA. *The student's school will use the IRS information that was transferred in the verification process.*
- I, the student, have not yet used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web, but I will use the tool to retrieve and transfer my (and, if married, my spouse's) 2015 IRS income information into my FAFSA once I have filed a 2015 IRS tax return. *See instructions above for information on how to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. The student's school cannot complete the verification process until the IRS information has been transferred into the FAFSA.*
- I, the student, am unable or choose not to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web, and I will submit to the school a **2015 IRS tax return transcript**—not a photocopy of the income tax return. *To obtain an IRS tax return transcript go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) under the **Tools** heading click on "Get a Tax Transcript" then click on **Get Transcript by MAIL** link or call 1-800-908-9946. Make sure you order the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and **NOT** the "IRS Tax Account Transcript." For paper request forms, print and complete IRS Form 4506T-EZ or 4506-T. It takes up to two weeks for IRS income information to be available for electronic IRS tax return filers, and up to eight weeks for paper tax return filers. If the parents are married, and separate 2015 tax returns were filed, 2015 IRS tax return transcripts must be submitted for each parent.*
- Check here if an IRS tax return transcript is attached to this worksheet.
- Check here if an IRS tax return transcript will be submitted to the student's school later. Verification cannot be completed until the IRS tax return transcript has been submitted to the student's school.

**2. 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.

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

Employer's Name	IRS W-2 Provided?	Annual Amount Earned in 2015
<i>(Example) ABC's Auto Body Shop</i>	Yes	\$4,500.00
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.

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

**D. Independent Student's Other Information to Be Verified**

1. Complete this section if someone in the student's household (listed in Section B) received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) any time during the 2015 or 2016 calendar years.

One of the persons listed in Section B of this worksheet received SNAP benefits in 2015 or 2016. I have attached documentation of the receipt of these benefits during 2015 and/or 2016.

2. Complete this section if you or your spouse, if married, paid child support in 2015.

Either I or (if married) my spouse who is listed in Section B of this worksheet paid child support in 2015. I have indicated below the name of the person who paid the child support, the name of the person to whom the child support was paid, the names of the children for whom child support was paid, and the total annual amount of child support that was paid in 2015 for each child. I have also attached documentation of the payment of child support. *If you need more space, attach a separate page that includes your name and Social Security Number at the top.*

Do not include child support paid for a child listed in your household in section B.

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 2015
<i>Marty Jones</i>	<i>Chris Smith (example)</i>	<i>Terry Jones</i>	<i>\$6,000.00</i>

**E. Certification and Signatures**

I certify that all of the information reported on this form is complete and correct. I understand that upon review of my file, I may be required to submit additional documentation. The student must sign and date this worksheet. If married, the spouse's signature is optional.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Signature (optional)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Submit this worksheet to the financial aid administrator at your school.  
You should make a copy of this worksheet for your records.**