

2016-2017 Verification Worksheet for Independent Student

Your 2016-2017 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, your school must confirm certain information reported on your FAFSA.

You must complete and sign this worksheet. Submit the form and other required documents to your college's Financial Aid Office. If additional information is required, it will be specified online within the Financial Aid pages of Banner Self-Service, so do check frequently for updates and any outstanding requirements.

To verify that FAFSA information is correct, the financial aid administrator at your school will compare your FAFSA with the information on this worksheet and any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may be corrected. If you have questions, contact your college's Financial Aid Office as soon as possible to avoid delays in receiving your aid.

A. Independent Student's Information

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Student's M.I.	Student/ Banner ID Number
Student's Street Address (include apt. no.)			
City	State	Zip Code	Student's Date of Birth
Student's Email Address	Student's Home or Cell Phone Number (include area code)		

B. Receipt of SNAP Benefits

Instructions: This section must be completed if you reported on your FAFSA that someone in your (the student's) household received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) any time during the 2014 or 2015 calendar years.

Check the box that applies:

- YES, a member of the student's household received SNAP benefits sometime during 2014 or 2015. If asked by the college, documentation of the receipt of SNAP benefits during 2014 and/or 2015 will be provided.
- NO, no member of the student's household received SNAP benefits in 2014 or 2015.

Note: 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).

Please do not forget to sign and date the back page of this document.

Student's Name: _____ Student/ Banner ID: _____

C. Child Support Paid

Instructions: This section must be completed if you reported child support paid in 2015 on your FAFSA. If the student (and/or spouse who is a member of the student's household) paid child support in 2015, provide in the table below the name(s) of the person(s) who paid the child support, the name(s) of the person(s) to whom the child support was paid, the names and ages of the children for whom the child support was paid, and the total annual amount of child support that was paid in 2015 for each child. If no child support was paid, indicate \$0 or N/A.

Do NOT include child support received in this section – only that which was paid.

If more space is needed, include an additional page with the student's name and Student ID # at the top.

Name of Person in Household Who Paid Child Support	Name of Person to Whom Child Support was Paid	Name & Age 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, 2 years</i>	<i>\$6,000.00</i>
		Total Paid in 2015:	

Note: In certain cases, the school may request additional documentation to verify child support paid.

D. Certification and Signatures

Each person signing this worksheet certifies that all of the information reported on it is complete and correct. The student must sign and date below.

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 and any other required documentation to the financial aid administrator at your school.

Illegible or missing information will delay processing and awarding of financial aid. Ensure that all relevant sections are completed. If a section does not apply to you, mark it as "N/A" or "Not Applicable."

Verification of Student Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

Student Information:

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Last Name First Name Middle Initial Student/Banner ID Number

Instructions: Students who are required to verify their identity and educational purpose may do so in two ways, depending on their ability to complete the process at their school:

1. Students who are able to return this document to their college's Financial Aid Office in person must:
 - a. Verify identity by presenting 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 with the date it was received and reviewed as well as the name of the Financial Aid official authorized to collect the student's ID.
 - b. Sign, in the presence of the Financial Aid official, the Statement of Educational Purpose provided below.
2. Students unable to appear in person at their college to verify identity must:
 - a. Provide a copy of the valid, unexpired government-issued photo identification (ID) that is acknowledged in the notary statement below, such as but not limited to a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport.
 - b. Sign, in the presence of a Notary, the Statement of Educational Purpose provided below.
 - c. Have the Notary complete the Certificate of Acknowledgement provided below.
 - d. Mail the copy of the ID and this completed form with Notary's Certificate to the college's Financial Aid Office.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____ am the individual signing this Statement of Educational Purpose
(Print Student's Name)
and that the Federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay
the cost of attending _____ for 2016-2017.
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

(Student's Signature) (Date) (Student's ID Number)

(Name of Authorized College Official) (Date) (Title of Official)

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement (Required only if signed in the presence of a Notary)

State of _____ City/County of _____

On _____, before me, _____, personally appeared,
(Date) (Notary's Name)

_____ and proved to me on basis of satisfactory evidence of identification
(Printed Name of Student Signer)

_____ to be the above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument.
(Type of unexpired gov't-issued photo ID provided)

WITNESS my hand and official seal

(seal)

(Notary signature)

My commission expires on _____

(Date)

Verification of High School Completion Status

Instructions: 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, the Financial Aid Office at your school must confirm certain information reported on your FAFSA.

You, the student, must provide one of the following documents to verify high school completion status:

- 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 State certificate or transcript issued to a student after the student passed a State-authorized examination (GED test, HiSET, TASC, or other State-authorized examination) that the State recognized as the equivalent of a 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.
- 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.
- If State law required a homeschooled 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.
- If State law did not require a homeschooled 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.

Note: Laws regarding high school completion vary from state-to-state. If a student moves to CT, but has one of the documents listed above issued from another state, the student should submit what documentation s/he has proving high school completion in that other state.

If you have questions, or are unable to obtain the documentation listed above, contact your college's Financial Aid Office as soon as possible.