



## 2026-2027 V1 – Independent Worksheet

Your 2026-2027 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 and your spouse (if married) 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.

### Independent Student's Information

Student's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student's First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Student's ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Independent Student's Family Information

List below the people included in the student's updated family size. Include:

1. The student
2. The student's spouse
3. The student's dependent children if the following are true:
  - They live with the student (or live apart because of college enrollment);
  - They receive more than half of their support from the student; **and**
  - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027
4. Other people if the following are true:
  - They live with the student;
  - They receive more than half of their support from the student; **and**
  - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027

Note: The provided criteria for "dependent children" or "other persons" align with the requirement that family size align with whom the student could claim as a dependent on a U.S. tax return if the student were to file a U.S tax return at the time of completing the 2026-2027 FAFSA. As a result, the student **should not include** any unborn children in the family size.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	Supported More Than 50%

**Independent Student Tax Return Filer Status**

As part of the verification process, you will need to provide a copy of your (and your spouse's, if married) 2024 tax transcript. Please select an option below for more details.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am single (never married)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am married; my spouse and I filed our 2024 taxes jointly

\_\_\_\_\_ I am married; my spouse and I filed our 2024 taxes separately

\_\_\_\_\_ I am married; I was required to file taxes but my spouse was not required to file taxes in 2024

\_\_\_\_\_ I am married; my spouse was required to file taxes but I was not required to file taxes for 2024

\_\_\_\_\_ I am married; both my spouse and I are not required to file 2024 taxes

\_\_\_\_\_ I am married; either I or my spouse have an IRS approved 2024 tax filing extension beyond the automatic 6- month extension or due to active duty

\_\_\_\_\_ I am separated/divorced/widowed and filed my 2024 taxes jointly

\_\_\_\_\_ I am separated/divorced/widowed and filed my 2024 taxes separately

\_\_\_\_\_ I am separated/divorced/widowed and have an IRS approved 2024 tax filing extension beyond the automatic 6-month extension due to active duty

\_\_\_\_\_ I am separated/divorced/widowed and I was not required to file taxes in 2024

**Certification and Signatures**

Each person signing this worksheet certifies that all of the information reported on it is complete and correct. **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 (Required)	Date

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Spouse's Signature (Optional)	Date