2020-2021 VERIFICATION FORM | INDEPENDENT STUDENT

Purpose: The Michigan State University Office of Financial Aid has received the results of your 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Review of your FAFSA has determined that additional information is necessary to continue processing your application for financial aid.

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<th>Student Name</th>
<th>Student PID</th>
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Household Size Chart

Number of Household Members: Use the chart below to list the people in the students’ 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 the children’s support from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, even if a child does not live with the student.
- Other people if they now live with the student and the student or spouse provides more than half of the other person’s support, and will continue to provide more than half of that person’s support through June 30, 2021.

College Information:
- In addition to listing all household members in the chart, include information about whether any of the household members are, 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, 2020, and June 30, 2021, and include the name of the college. If more space is needed, provide a separate page with the student’s name and PID number at the top.

Note: We may request additional documentation to verify college enrollment for other family members.

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<th>Full Name</th>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Relationship</th>
<th>College (MSU or Other Institution)</th>
<th>Will be Enrolled in College at Least Half Time (Yes or No)</th>
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Student and Spouse (if applicable) Income and Tax Information

**Student and/or Spouse 2018 Tax Filing Information** – Provide one of the following depending on your tax filing situation.

- **IRS Data Retrieval Tool** – The student and/or spouse transferred their IRS tax information directly from the IRS to the FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool and made no changes to that information.
- **2018 1040 Tax Return with signature or 2018 Tax Transcript** - The student and/or spouse completed a federal tax return and will provide the school with a 2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed 2018 1040 Tax Return.
- **Non-Tax Filer with Earnings in 2018** - Provide **2018 W-2s** from all employers, a **Verification of Non-Filing Letter** from the IRS that indicates a 2018 IRS Income Tax Return was not filed with the IRS or a **signed 2018 Non-Filer Statement Form** (available at [finaid.msu.edu/forms.asp](http://finaid.msu.edu/forms.asp)).
- **Non-Tax Filer with No Earnings in 2018** - Verification of Non-Filing Letter from IRS or signed 2018 Non-Filer Statement Form (available at [finaid.msu.edu/forms.asp](http://finaid.msu.edu/forms.asp)).

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<th>Employer’s Name</th>
<th>IRS W-2 Provided?</th>
<th>Annual Amount Earned in 2018</th>
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<td><em>(Example) ABC’s Auto Body Shop</em></td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>$4,500.00</td>
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Tax Information:

A 2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be obtained in one of the following ways:

- **Get Transcript by Mail** – Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), click "Get Your Tax Record." Click "Get Transcript by Mail." Make sure to request the “Return Transcript” and **NOT** the “Account Transcript.” The transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS’s receipt of the online request.

- **Get Transcript Online** – Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), click "Get Your Tax Record." Click "Get Transcript Online.” Make sure to request the “Return Transcript” and **NOT** the “Account Transcript.” To use the Get Transcript Online tool, the user must have (1) access to a valid email address, (2) a text-enabled mobile phone (pay-as-you-go plans cannot be used) in the user’s name, and (3) specific financial account numbers (such as a credit card number or an account number for a home mortgage or auto loan). The transcript displays online upon successful completion of the IRS’s two-step authentication.

- **Automated Telephone Request** – 1-800-908-9946. Transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS’s receipt of the telephone request.

- **Paper Request Form** – IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T. The transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS’s receipt of the paper request form. Please enter the student’s PID (numbers only) in the Customer File Number field on the 4506-T so that the Office of Financial Aid can identify which student the transcript belongs to.

In most cases, for electronic tax return filers, 2018 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) on the FAFSA application or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 2–3 weeks after the 2018 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2018 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2018 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 6–8 weeks after the 2018 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.

**Note:** Awarding of all financial aid is contingent upon the availability of funds

**Certification and Signature**

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct. *Please endorse in ink—electronic signatures are not acceptable.*

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**Student’s Signature**

**Date**

**Spouse Signature (If Applicable)**

**Date**

**WARNING:** If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

All correspondence and forms submitted to the Office of Financial Aid should include your name, PID and local address. Failure to submit the requested information may prevent processing of your financial aid or cause the billing back of aid already received.