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VERIFICATION WORKSHEET INDEPENDENT STUDENTS 2026-27

The information you provided on your financial aid application (FAFSA) must be verified before your financial aid eligibility can be evaluated. Complete all sections of this form and return it to the address listed above.

Student Name	Phone	Student ID Number (Dawg Tag)	
Address	City	State	Zip Code

Section A. Family Information Complete following the instructions below:

List the people in your household. Include yourself and your spouse (if you have one). Do not include foster children. Include your children if you provide more than half of their support. Include other people if they now live with you and you provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. (Support includes money, gifts, loans, housing, food, clothes, car, medical and dental care, payment of college costs, etc.)

Important Note: Notify the financial aid office if the student and spouse filed separate IRS income tax returns for 2024 or had a change in marital status after December 31, 2024.

Full Name	Age	Relationship to student (Spouse, son, daughter, etc.)
1.		Student
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		

☐ Check this box if there are more than seven family members and attach a list of the individuals.

B. Student's and Spouse's 2024 Income

SELECT THOSE THAT APPLY (read carefully):

☐ I do not have a social security number (SSN), Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) or Employer Identification Number (EIN).

☐ My spouse does not have a social security number (SSN), Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) or Employer Identification Number (EIN).

☐ The student (and spouse) filed a 2024 Federal Tax Return and successfully used the IRS Direct Data Exchange on the FAFSA income section, SKIP this section and go to Section C.

☐ The student (and spouse) filed a 2024 Federal Tax Return and will submit a **signed** copy of the 2024 Federal Tax Return and applicable schedules. Print your full name and Student ID Number (dawg tag) on the copy.

☐ The student (and spouse) **have not and are not required** to file a 2024 U.S. federal tax return. If you worked but did not file a 2024 Federal tax return list your employers and the amounts of income that you earned from work, other income and resources which supported you in 2024 and **submit a copy of all W-2 forms**. Please list amounts on the reverse side of this form.

EMPLOYER OR SOURCE OF INCOME FOR 2024 (List only if you did not file a federal tax return)

\$ _____ \$ _____

\$ _____ \$ _____

C. Student's Certification and Signature

WARNING: This form is used in the process of establishing eligibility for federal student aid funds. You should know that intentionally false statements or misrepresentation may subject the filer to a fine or imprisonment, or both, under provisions of the United States Criminal Code.

I certify that all of the information on this form is complete and correct.

Student Signature

Date

NOTE: Signatures must be handwritten. Computer fonts are not acceptable.

Documents should be returned to the Financial Aid Office. Mail form or submit using our secure document upload on www.fao.siu.edu

A 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be obtained through:

- Get Transcript by Mail – Go to 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, click "Get Your Tax Record." Click "Get Transcript Online." Make sure to request the "Return Transcript" and NOT the "Account Transcript." Follow the instructions to create an ID.me account if you do not already have one. If you need help creating an ID.me account or verifying your identity, visit the ID.me IRS Help Site. 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.