



Office of Student Financial Aid

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V4 INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION WORKSHEET 2016-2017

Your 2016–2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. Federal law states that before awarding Federal Student Aid, the Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) may ask you to confirm the information you (and your spouse, if married) reported on your FAFSA. The OSFA will then 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 (and your spouse, if married) must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to the OSFA. After a review of the information you submit, the OSFA may still ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact the OSFA as soon as possible so that the processing of your financial aid will not be delayed.

A. Student's Information

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Middle Initial	Student's ID Number
Student's Street Address (include apt. no.)			Student's Date of Birth
City	State	Zip Code	Student's Primary Phone (include area code)
Student's Email Address			

B. Student's Other Information to Be Verified

-SNAP Certification

Did someone in the student's household receive benefits from the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** [formerly known as food stamps] any time during the 2014 or 2015 calendar years? [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).]

- No. SNAP was **not received** by student/spouse.
- Yes. SNAP was **received** by student/spouse. Complete information below:

\$ _____ 2014 \$ _____ 2015

**If OSFA has reason to believe that the information regarding the receipt of SNAP benefits is inaccurate, additional documentation will need to be requested from the agency that issued the SNAP benefits in 2014 and/or 2015.*

-Child Support Paid Certification

Did I, and/or if married, my spouse, **pay** child support in 2015?

- No. Child support was **not paid** by student/spouse.
- Yes. Child support was **paid** by student/spouse. Complete chart below.

Name of Person Who Paid Child Support	Name of Person to Whom Child Support was Paid	Name of Child for Whom Support Was Paid	Age of Child	Amount of Child Support Paid in 2015
EXAMPLE: Joe Jones	Jane Doe	Jake Jones	15	\$6,000

**If asked by the OSFA, you may need to provide additional documentation of the payment of child support. If you need more space, attach a separate sheet of paper that includes your name and UTEP ID number in the upper right-hand corner.*

C. High School Completion Status

You must provide one of the following documents to verify your high school completion and submit it along with this worksheet.

Check the box of the document you will attach to this worksheet:

- A copy of the student's high school diploma or final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
- A state certificate or transcript received by the student after the student passed a State-authorized examination or other State-authorized examination that the State recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma.
- 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.
- For students who completed secondary education in a foreign country, a copy of the "secondary school leaving certificate" or other similar document.
- If state law requires a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
- If state law does not require a homeschooled student to obtain secondary school completion credential for homeschool (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.

D. Documentation of Identity/Statement of Educational Purpose

*******DO NOT COMPLETE THIS SECTION UNTIL YOU ARE EITHER IN PERSON AT THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID OR IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY*******

In order to complete the Verification process, you will need to appear **in person** at the OSFA and present a valid government-issued photo ID (such as a driver's license, military ID, passport, etc.) and this verification worksheet to the Office. The OSFA will need to validate the statement below at the time of submission by maintaining a copy of your photo ID and by providing a signature and date. ***If you cannot appear in person to submit this worksheet, you will need to provide a copy of your government- issued photo ID and this worksheet notarized by a public notary to the OSFA.***

Statement of Educational Purpose

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

Student's Signature and Date

Office of Student Financial Aid Signature Date

OR

Student's ID Number

Signature of Notary Date

If the student is unable to appear in person, please have a notary complete the information below:

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement:

State of _____ City/County of _____ on _____
Date

before me, _____ personally appeared, _____,
(Notary's Name) (Printed name of signer)

and proved to me on basis of satisfactory evidence of identification _____
(Type of government-issued photo ID provided)

to be the above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

Notary's Signature

Date Notary's commission expires

Seal

Student Name: _____

ID# _____

E. Certification and Signatures

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

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

The student must sign and date this worksheet. If married, the student's spouse's signature is required.

Student's Signature

Date

Spouse's Signature

Date

Submit this worksheet to the OSFA.

Please make a copy of this worksheet for your records.