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## 2025-26 STANDARD VERIFICATION WORKSHEET GROUP (V1) - INDEPENDENT

Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected by the Federal Department of Education for review in a process called Verification. In this process, the Office of Student Financial Services will compare information from your FAFSA with this worksheet and other required documents. The Verification must be finalized prior to the distribution of federal aid. If inconsistencies are found between your FAFSA, verification worksheet, and other documentation, the Office of Student Financial Services may electronically amend the necessary changes.

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Complete this section if you and spouse <u>filed or will file</u> a 2023 Federal Income Tax Return(s). As part of the federal student aid eligibility, you and spouse (as appropriate) will be required to consent and approve sharing and importing income and tax information from the IRS to the FAFSA form, even if the attempt to obtain or use such data is ineffective. In other words, if you and spouse filed separate 2023 Federal Income Tax Returns, both must provide consent and approval to share and import income and tax information from the IRS. In most cases, no further documentation is needed to verify 2023 income information that was transferred into the student's FAFSA using income and tax information directly from the IRS.
- If 2023 Federal income tax return information for you and spouse (as appropriate) was not available or could not be used, you must provide the institution with a 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript (s) or a signed copy of the 2023 Federal income tax return and applicable schedules. A 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be obtained through:
  - <u>Get Transcript by Mail or Online</u>—Go to <u>www.irs.gov</u>, click 'Get Your Tax Record." Click "Get Transcript by Mail or Online." Make sure to request the "Return Transcript" and **NOT** the "Account Transcript."
  - <u>Automated Telephone Request</u>—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.
- 3. Independent student must sign this worksheet.
- 4. Submit the completed and signed Verification Worksheet with the required documentation to the Office of Student Financial Services.

### A. STUDENT INFORMATION (Please Print)

Last Name	First Name			Monroe University ID Number	
Address (include Apt.#)	City	State	Zip Code	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	
Cell Phone #	Home Phon	Home Phone #		Personal E-Mail	
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**B. FAMILY SIZE INFORMATION (**Complete the chart below with whom you could claim as a dependent on U.S. tax return. If more space is required, attach a separate page with name and ID number at the top).

#### FAMILY SIZE DEFINITION

Use the information below to determine who should be included in the family size. Family Size includes the following:

- The student
- The student's spouse, if applicable.
- 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.
- Other persons if the following are true: They live with the student; they received 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.

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 2025-2026 FAFSA. As a result, the student should not include any unborn children in the family size.

FULL NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT					
		SELF					

# TAX FILERS - STUDENT (AND SPOUSE, IF MARRIED)

Check the appropriate box below and provide the requested information and/or documents:

I/we gave consent and approve sharing and importing 2023 income and tax information from the IRS to my FAFSA form.	
I/we did not (or could not) give consent and approve sharing and importing 2023 income and tax information from the IRS to my FAFSA form. Therefore, I/we have attached my/our 2023 IRS Tax Transcript or a signed copy of my 2023 Federal Income Tax Return and applicable schedules.	

# D. NON-TAX FILERS - STUDENT (AND SPOUSE, IF MARRIED)

Check the appropriate box below and provide the requested information and/or documents:

- a. I/we was/were not employed and had no income earned from work in 2023 year. Therefore, was not required to file a 2023 Federal Income Tax Return.
- b. I/we was/were employed and had income from work in 2023, but were not required to file a 2023 Federal Income Tax Return.
  - Complete the chart below by listing each employer(s) and the amount that was earned in 2023 (list every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form). If you need more space, attach a separate page with name and ID on top.
  - Attach copies of all 2023 IRS W-2 forms issued to the student by their employers
  - Attach IRS Verification of Non-Filing Letter. (Only if you have Foreign Income entered on the FAFSA and is selected for verification).

COMPLETE CHART	Employer's Name	2023 Amount Earned	IRS W-2	IRS W-2
ONLY IF BOX b			Forms Attached	Forms "Not Issued"
ABOVE IS CHECKED		\$		
		\$		

Each person signing this worksheet certifies that all information reported on this form is complete and accurate. WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined up to \$20,000, be sentenced to jail, or both.

Student's Signature

Date