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**2026-27 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:**

- Complete this section if you and/or your spouse **filed or will file** a 2024 IRS Federal Income Tax Return(s). As part of the Federal Student Aid eligibility, you and spouse 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 the student and spouse filed separate 2024 IRS 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 2024 income information that was transferred into the student's FAFSA using income and tax information directly from the IRS, via the FA-DDX.
- If 2024 Federal Income Tax Return information for you (or spouse if applicable) was not transferred via the FA-DDX and considered verified you must provide the institution with a **2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript (s)** or a **signed copy of the 2024 Federal Income Tax Return and applicable schedules**. A 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be obtained through:
  - Get Transcript by Mail or Online**—Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), click "Get Your Tax Record." Click "Get Transcript by Mail or Online." Make sure to request the "Return Transcript" and NOT the "Account Transcript."
  - 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.
- Independent student must sign this worksheet.**
- 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
Cell Phone # ( )		Home Phone # ( )		Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) / /
				Personal E-Mail

**B. FAMILY SIZE INFORMATION. (If more space is required, attach a separate page)**

FAMILY SIZE DEFINITION		
Use the information below to determine who should be included in the family size. <b>Family Size includes the following:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student</li> <li>The student's spouses (if applicable)</li> <li>The student's dependent children if the following are true:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>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.</li> </ul>		
The provided criteria for "dependent children" or "other persons" mirror the requirement that family size align with those 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. If more space is needed provide a separate page with your name and ID number at the top.		
FULL NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT
		SELF

**C. TAX FILERS – SPOUSE AND STUDENT**

Check the appropriate boxes below and provide the requested information and or documents:

SPOUSE'S (AND SPOUSE, IF MARRIED) INCOME INFORMATION	STUDENT'S INCOME INFORMATION
<input type="checkbox"/> I/we gave consent and approve sharing and importing 2024 Federal Income and Tax information from the IRS to my FAFSA form.	<input type="checkbox"/> I gave consent and approve sharing and importing 2024 Federal Income and Tax information from the IRS to my FAFSA form.
<input type="checkbox"/> I/we did not (or could not) import 2024 Federal Income and Tax information from the IRS to my FAFSA form. Therefore, I/we have attached my/our 2024 IRS Tax Transcript(s) or a signed copy of my/our 2024 Federal Income Tax return and applicable schedules.	<input type="checkbox"/> I did not (or could not) import 2024 income and tax information from the IRS to my FAFSA form. Therefore, I have attached my 2024 IRS Tax Transcript or a signed copy of my 2024 Federal Income Tax Return and applicable schedules.

**D. SPOUSE(S)' NON-TAX FILERS**

By completing this document, I certify that I have not filed and am not required to file a 2024 income tax return, and all other income earned from work, other income, and resources for the 2024 tax year are listed below.

Also check any box that applies below:

- a.  My spouse and I were **not** employed and had no income earned from work in 2024.
- b.  My spouse and/or I were employed in 2024 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2024, and whether an IRS W-2 form, or an equivalent document is provided.
  - **Complete the chart below** by listing every employer even if the employer did not issue a W-2 form and the amount that was earned in 2024. If more space is needed, provide a separate page with your name and ID number at the top.
  - **Attach copies of all 2024 IRS W-2 forms issued to spouse by the employer(s)**
  - **Attach IRS Verification of Non-Filing Letter.** (Only if you have Foreign Income entered on the FAFSA and is selected for verification)

COMPLETE CHART ONLY IF BOX b ABOVE IS CHECKED	Employer's Name	2024 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 Attached	IRS W-2 "Not Issued"
		\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- c.  My spouse and/or I had other income and resources that supported us for the 2024 tax year. (List each source of income in the table below. If more space is needed, provide a separate page with your name and ID number at the top).

Source of Income	Annual Amount in 2024
<b>Total Amount of Income</b>	\$

**E. CERTIFICATION**

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 \_\_\_\_\_