

## 2026-2027 Verification Instructions

Your application was selected for review in a process called "Verification". Verification is mandated by the U.S. Department of Education and requires schools to gather additional documentation to check the accuracy of information submitted on the FAFSA

To facilitate this process, you are required to complete and submit a signed **2026-2027 Dependent Student Verification Worksheet**, (see below) and certain other forms of income documentation to the Financial Aid Office.

The income tax documents that we accept are based on policy from the U.S. Department of Education. We can only accept either:

- **An updated FAFSA using the IRS Direct Data Exchange (DDX), OR**
- **A signed copy of the 2024 Income Tax Return and Schedules 1 & 3 (if filed) you and your parents completed, OR**
- **A 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript**

If you did not use the **IRS Direct Data Exchange** when completing the FAFSA, **we encourage you to go back to [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) and update your tax information via the Retrieval Tool. This is significantly faster than requesting a tax return transcript from the IRS.**

### To Obtain a Tax Return Transcript from the IRS

If you are unable to use the IRS Direct Data Exchange, or do not have a signed copy of the 2024 Income Tax Return and Schedules you and your parents completed, please request a **2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript** as quickly as possible. There are a couple of ways to request a transcript from the IRS:

1. Go to [www.irs.gov/transcript](https://www.irs.gov/transcript)
  - a. Click 'Get Transcript Online.'
  - b. Create an account.
  - c. **Select 'Return Transcript' for Tax Year '2024.' Do not select the 'Account Transcript.'**
  - d. **Print PDF** copy of the transcript.
2. Go to [www.irs.gov/transcript](https://www.irs.gov/transcript)
  - a. Click 'Get Transcript by Mail.'
  - b. Provide the date of birth, address, and SSN of person listed on the 2024 IRS Income Tax Return.
  - c. **Select 'Return Transcript' for Tax Year '2024.' Do not select the 'Account Transcript.'**
  - d. The transcript will be mailed to the address on the Return.
3. Call the IRS at 1-800-908-9946.
4. Complete IRS Form 4506T-EZ at <https://financialaid.ecu.edu>. Under Forms, select 2026-2027.

\* If the parents/marital partners filed **separate** 2024 IRS income tax returns, **2024 IRS Tax Return Transcripts, or a signed copy of the 2024 Income Tax Return and All Schedules your parents completed,** must be provided for **each**.

\*\* **If your parents were not required to file a 2024 IRS Income Tax Return: Submit a 2024 IRS Verification of Non-filing Letter dated on/after October 1, 2025. To request from IRS, submit Form 4506-T, box 7, from <https://financialaid.ecu.edu> to the IRS**

### Individuals Who Were Victims of IRS Tax-Related Identity Theft

An individual who was the victim of IRS tax-related identity theft must provide **both** of the following:

1. A **Tax Return Data-Base View (TRDBV) transcript** obtained from the IRS for year 2024; contact the IRS at 1-800-908-4490;
2. A statement signed and dated by the tax filer indicating that he or she was a victim of IRS tax-related identity theft and that the IRS is aware of the tax-related identity theft.

### Individuals Who Filed an Amended IRS Income Tax Return

An individual who filed an amended IRS income tax return for tax year 2024 must provide **both** of the following:

1. A **2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript** (signature not required); OR a **signed copy of the 2024 Income Tax Return and All Schedules you and your parents completed: AND**
2. A **signed copy of the 2024 IRS Form 1040X, "Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return,"** that was filed with the IRS.

### Individuals Who Filed Non-IRS Income Tax Returns

A tax filer who filed a 2024 income tax return with a tax authority other than the IRS may provide a **signed** copy of his or her income tax return that was filed with the relevant tax authority. However, if we question the accuracy of the information on the signed copy of the income tax return, the tax filer must provide us with a copy of the tax account information issued by the relevant tax authority.

Do not have transcripts sent directly to ECU Financial Aid. You must add the student's name and ECU Banner ID before sending it to our office.

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The documents that we accept are based on policy put forth by the U.S. Department of Education. We can accept either:

1. **An updated FAFSA using the IRS Direct Data Exchange**
2. **A signed copy of the 2024 Income Tax Return and All Schedules you and your parents completed, OR**
3. **A 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript**

If you did not use the **IRS Direct Data Exchange (DDX)** when completing the FAFSA, we encourage you to go back to [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) to update your tax data via **Retrieval Tool** option.

**\* If your parents were not required to file a 2024 IRS Income Tax Return, they must submit a 2024 IRS Verification of Non-filing Letter dated on or after October 1, 2025. To request from IRS, submit Form 4506-T, box 7, at <https://financialaid.ecu.edu>, to the IRS.**

**Please complete all sections in blue or black ink.**

**A. DEPENDENT STUDENT INFORMATION**

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Date of Birth (month and day **ONLY**)

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ECU Banner ID Number
Cell Phone Number (include area code)		Permanent Phone Number (include area code)	

**B. DEPENDENT STUDENT'S FAMILY INFORMATION**

**List the people in your parent(s)' household, including:**

- Yourself
- Your parent(s) (including stepparents and/or both legal (biological or adoptive) parents if they live together, regardless of the marital status or the gender of the parents).
- Your parent(s) other dependent children if a) your parent(s) will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, or b) the children would be required to provide parental information when applying for Federal Student Aid for 2026-2027.
- Other people only if they now live in your parents' household and your parents provide more than half of their support and will continue to do so through June 30, 2027. Attach a separate page if space below is insufficient.

**You must complete each column for every household member listed:**

Full Name	Age	Relationship to Student
		<i>SELF</i>

**What you should do:**

1. Update your FAFSA **by using the IRS Direct Data Exchange OR** Collect your and your parent(s)' financial documents (IRS Tax Return Transcript, W-2 forms, etc.).
2. Complete and sign this worksheet.
3. Submit the completed worksheet, tax forms, and any other documents requested to the financial aid office.

**To Obtain a Tax Return Transcript from the IRS**

1. Go to [www.irs.gov/transcript](https://www.irs.gov/transcript). Order a Return Transcript.
2. Call the IRS at 1-800-908-9946.
3. Complete IRS Form 4506T-EZ available at <https://financialaid.ecu.edu>

**Important Note:** If you filed, or will file an **amended 2024 IRS tax return**, you must follow instructions on cover sheet.

**Due to Federal Privacy Regulations regarding email and the protection of your personal information, we urge you to send documents to our secure FAX at 252-328-4347 or mail all documents to Office of Student Financial Aid, MS510, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858.**

**For materials that may contain a social security number, please cover or remove all but the last four digits.**

**For materials with the date of birth, please cover or remove the year. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 252-328-6610.**

**C. DEPENDENT STUDENT'S 2024 INCOME INFORMATION**

Choose YES or NO:

\_\_\_\_ YES, the student has filed or will be required to file a 2024 IRS Income Tax Return. Please check one box below.

- I used the IRS DDX to transfer 2024 IRS income tax information to the FAFSA **without making subsequent changes.**
- I did not use the IRS DDX **OR** made subsequent changes to IRS data. **You must submit a 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript OR a signed copy of your 2024 Income Tax Return and All Schedules you completed.**

\_\_\_\_ NO, the student has not and is not required to file a 2024 IRS Income Tax Return. Please check one box below.

- I was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2024.
- I was employed in 2024. **List below** all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2024 and submit **copies of ALL 2024 W-2 forms and/or 1099's issued by employer.** List every employer and amounts earned, even if employer did not issue a W-2; examples include babysitting, yard work, dog walking, etc. **If you did not keep a copy of your W-2, please contact your employer.**

Source of Income/Employer's Name	2024 Amount Earned	2024 IRS W-2 or 1099 Attached?
<i>Suzy's Auto Body Shop (example)</i>	<i>\$2,000.00(example)</i>	<i>Yes(example)</i>

**D. PARENT'S 2024 INCOME INFORMATION:** If two parents were reported in Section B, the certifications below refer/apply to both.

Choose YES or NO:

\_\_\_\_ YES, the parent(s) has filed or will be required to file a 2024 IRS Income Tax Return. Please check one box below.

- The parent (s) used the IRS DDX to transfer 2024 IRS income tax information to the FAFSA **without making subsequent changes.**
- The parent(s) did not use the IRS DDX **OR** made subsequent changes to IRS data. **Parent(s) must submit a 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript OR a signed copy of their 2024 Income Tax Return and All Schedules your parents completed.**

\_\_\_\_ NO, the parent(s) has not and is not required to file a 2024 IRS Income Tax Return. Please check one box below. Your parent(s) must also submit a 2024 IRS Verification of Non-filing Letter dated on/after Oct. 1, 2025. To obtain this form your parent(s) will need to submit IRS Form 4506-T, box 7, available at <https://financialaid.ecu.edu>, to the IRS.

- Both parents were not employed and had no income earned from work in 2024.
- One or both parents were employed in 2024. **List below** all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2024 and submit **copies of ALL 2024 W-2 forms and/or 1099's issued by employer.** List every employer and amounts earned, even if the employer did not issue a W-2; examples include babysitting, yard work, dog walking, etc. **If you did not keep a copy of your W-2, please contact your employer.**

Source of Income/ Employer's Name	2024 Amount Earned	2024 IRS W-2 or 1099 Attached?
<i>Suzy's Auto Body Shop (example)</i>	<i>\$2,000.00 (example)</i>	<i>Yes (example)</i>
Parent 1:		
Parent 1:		
Parent 2:		
Parent 2:		

**E. CERTIFICATION:** By signing this worksheet, I certify all the information reported is complete and correct:

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**Student Signature (Required)** **Date**

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**Parent Signature (Required)** **Date**

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