2028

INDEPENDENT STUDENT

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2027-2028 Independent Verification Worksheet

Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected by the Department of Education for a review process called verification. During this review, Illinois State University will compare information submitted on your FAFSA to information on this worksheet and other required documentation. Federal regulations require that we complete verification before processing federal financial aid.

If there are differences between information on your FAFSA and this worksheet, we will send corrections to the FAFSA processor. You will receive an acknowledgement reflecting these changes. If we do make corrections, please do **not** make any subsequent changes to your FAFSA data.

Please review, complete, and return this form to document your compliance using one of the following methods.

- Upload the completed original form at: my.illinoisstate.edu
- FAX to: **(309) 438-3755**
- mail to: **Financial Aid Office, Campus Box 2320, Normal, IL 61790-2320**

If you have questions about completing this form, call the Illinois State University Financial Aid Office at (309) 438-2231 or e-mail financialaid@IllinoisState.edu .

A. Student Information

Last Name First Name M.I.

Student's ISU ID Number

Permanent Home Address (include R.R., P.O. Box, or Apt. No.)

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

City State ZIP

Student Cell Phone Number (with area code)

B. Family Information

List all the people in your household. Include:

- Yourself.
- Spouse if you are married.
- Your dependent children ***if*** you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028.
- Other people if they currently live with you and you provide more than one-half of their support and will continue to through June 30, 2028.

Full Name	Age	Relationship to Student
(*example*) Inez Jones	**23**	**spouse**
		self

C. Student's (and spouse's) 2025 Income and Federal Tax Information

Choose ONE box only. *Please see Instruction Page for further assistance.*

- ❑ The student (and spouse) filed a 2025 Federal Tax Return and consented to the sharing of IRS tax information from the IRS to the FAFSA using the Future Act Direct Data Exchange **and** made no changes to that information.
- ❑ The student (and spouse) filed a 2025 Federal Tax Return and will provide ISU with a 2025 Federal Tax Return Transcript that can be obtained from www.irs.gov.
- ❑ The student (and spouse) filed a 2025 Federal Tax Return and will provide ISU with a **physically signed** copy of their 2025 Federal Tax Return and Schedules 1 and 3 (if applicable).
- ❑ The student (and spouse) **have not and are not required** to file a 2025 Federal Tax Return **and** had **no** earnings from work in 2025. Student (and spouse) will provide a Verification of Non-filing letter(s) that can be obtained from www.irs.gov.
- ❑ The student (and spouse) **have not and are not required** to file a 2025 Federal Tax Return but had some earnings from work in 2025. Student (and spouse) will provide a Verification of Non-filing letter(s) that can be obtained from www.irs.gov and copies of all W2's. Student (and spouse) will also complete the chart below listing all employers and earnings. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

	Employer(s) Name	**2025 Earnings** W-2s (box 1)
Student	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	Student Total	_____
Spouse	_____	_____
	_____	_____

D. Sign this Worksheet

By signing this worksheet, I (we) certify that all the information reported here to qualify for federal student aid is complete and correct. A signature must be completed in black ink or via a stylus on an electronic device.

_____ _____

Student Physical Signature Date Spouse Physical Signature Date

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Cell Phone Number

Independent Verification Worksheet Instructions

Section C of the Independent Verification Worksheet requests information about the student (and spouse) 2025 Federal Tax Return data. To provide this to Illinois State University you will need to consent to the use of the FUTURE Act Direct Data Exchange (FA-DDX) tool on the FAFSA and have a successful transfer of your information **OR** request a 2025 IRS Tax Return Transcript from IRS **OR** submit a physically signed copy of your 2025 Federal 1040 Tax Return and schedules 1 and 3 (if applicable). Student's (and spouse's) that did not file a 2025 Federal Tax Return must provide a Verification of Non-Filing Letter from the IRS and copies of all 2025 W2's (if applicable). Below you will find directions on how to consent to the use of the FUTURE Act Direct Data Exchange tool, and how to request an IRS Tax Transcript or Verification of Non-Filing Letter.

Using the FUTURE Act Direct Data Exchange Tool

Student – Access your FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov and log into your account. Once logged in, click on the option to "Make FAFSA Corrections" (this will take you to your completed FAFSA information). In your FAFSA you consented to have your Federal Tax Information (FTI) obtained automatically from the IRS and provided on your FAFSA application. If your 2025 Federal Taxes were filed and your information was retrieved, then you were not asked to manually provide FTI data and can mark the first option in box C above.
Spouse – Access your contributor invite from your personal email address and click 'Log In' to access the contributor section of your spouse's FAFSA. In your spousal contributor section, you consented to have your Federal Tax Information (FTI) obtained automatically from the IRS and provided on your spouse's FAFSA application. If your 2025 Federal Taxes were filed and your information was retrieved, then you were not asked to manually provide FTI data and can mark the first option in box C above.

Requesting an IRS Tax Return Transcript

To obtain a 2025 Tax Return Transcript go to www.irs.gov and click "Create account" on the home screen. Then choose "Sign in or create account" in the 'Individual' option. You will need to sign in with your ID.me account. To verify your identity with ID.me, you will need to provide a photo of an identity document such as a driver's license, state ID, or passport. You will also need to take a selfie with a smartphone or a computer with a webcam. The transcript displays online upon successful completion of the IRS's two-step authentication. Requests can also be made by telephone at (800) 908-9946 or by completing a 4506-T form that can be mailed or faxed to the IRS. Please be sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and **NOT** an "IRS Account Transcript". The transcripts requested by "Get Transcript by Mail", Phone, or 4506-T form are generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of your request.

Verification of Non-Filing Letter

To obtain a 2025 Verification of Non-filing letter go to www.irs.gov and click "Create account" on the home screen. Then choose "Sign in or create account" in the 'Individual' option. You will need to sign in with your ID.me account. To verify your identity with ID.me, you will need to provide a photo of an identity document such as a driver's license, state ID, or passport. You will also need to take a selfie with a smartphone or a computer with a webcam. The transcript displays online upon successful completion of the IRS's two-step authentication. If you already have an account established, you can log in to access a Verification of Non-filing letter. Requests can also be made by completing a 4506-T form that can be mailed or faxed to the IRS. Verification of Non-filing letters requested by 4506-T form are generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of your request.