



INDEPENDENT STUDENT

Aggregate Verification Group - Tracking Group V5

Important Notes:

Your 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. The law states before awarding Federal Student Aid, we may ask you to confirm the information you and your spouse (if married) reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information, the financial aid administrator will compare your FAFSA with the information on this worksheet and with any other required documents. If there are differences between your application and your financial documents, Louisiana Tech will submit corrections electronically to the Federal Processor. You will receive e-mail confirmation from the Department of Education if changes to your FAFSA are processed. Complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to the financial aid administrator at Louisiana Tech University. We may request additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact your financial aid administrator as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

Your school must review the requested information, under the financial aid program rules 34 CFR, Part 668.

Step 1. Student Information

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
STUDENT'S Last Name	First Name	M.I.
<input type="text"/>		
STUDENT'S Local Address (include apt. no.)		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
City	State	Zip Code
<input type="text"/>		
STUDENT'S Email Address		

<input type="text"/>
STUDENT'S CWID# or SSN#
<input type="text"/>
STUDENT'S Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
<input type="text"/>
STUDENT'S Phone No. (include area code)
<input type="text"/>
STUDENT'S Cell Ph. No# (include area code)

Step 2. Family Information - Who do you, the student, support?

For any household member who will be enrolled **at least halftime** in a degree program, diploma, or certificate program at an postsecondary educational institution at any time between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2018, include the name of the college. *If more space is needed, attach a separate page with the student's name and SSN or CWID at the top of the page.*

NOTE: We may require additional documentation if we have reason to believe that the information regarding the household members enrolled in eligible postsecondary educational institutions is inaccurate.

People in your household include:

- Yourself.
- Your spouse if you are married.
- Your children or your spouse's children if you or your spouse will provide more than half of the children's support from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, even if a child does not live with you.
- Other people if they now live with you and for whom you or your spouse provides more than half of the other person's support and will continue to provide more than half of that person's support through June 30, 2018.

Include ALL household members below:

Full Name	Age	Relationship to Student	If family member is enrolled in college or technical school at least halftime, write college name below.	Will be Enrolled at Least 1/2time
		Self	Louisiana Tech University	



The FAFSA verification process has significantly changed starting with the 2012-13 school year. We can no longer accept a copy of your tax return or 1040. Instead you must either correct your FAFSA by using the **IRS Data Retrieval Tool** or submit a copy of your **IRS Tax Return Transcript** upon request. If you amended your tax return, you must also submit your **IRS Account Transcript**.

Step 3. Student's (and Spouse's) Tax Information - Select A or B below.

Important Note: The instructions below apply to the student and spouse, if the student is married. Notify the financial aid office if the student or spouse filed a separate IRS income tax return for 2015 or had a change in marital status after the end of the 2015 tax year on December 31, 2015.

- A. I have already filed a 2015 IRS Tax Return. Select 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 below.**
 - 1. I have used** the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web to retrieve and transfer 2015 IRS income information into the student's FAFSA, either on the initial FAFSA or when making correction to the FAFSA. *The Louisiana Tech University Financial Aid Office will use the IRS information that was transferred in the verification process.*
 - 2. I have not yet used** the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web, but will use the tool to retrieve and transfer 2015 IRS income information into the student's FAFSA. *Louisiana Tech University cannot complete the verification process until the IRS information has been transferred into the FAFSA.*
 - 3. I am unable or choose not to use** the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web, and instead will provide the school with a 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s). Signature is not required. *To obtain a 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript, go to www.irs.gov and click on the "Get a Tax Transcript" link, or call 1-800-908-9946.*
 - 4. I am required to file a 2015 IRS income tax return and have been granted a filing extension** by the IRS. I will provide the following documents:
 - a.** A copy of the IRS Form 4868, "Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," that was filed with the IRS for tax year 2015; and
 - b.** A copy of the IRS's approval of an extension beyond the automatic six-month extension if the individual requested an additional extension of the filing time for tax year 2015; and
 - c.** A copy of IRS Form W-2 for each source of employment income received for tax year 2015 and, if self-employed, a signed statement certifying the amount of the individual's AGI and the U.S. income tax paid for tax year 2015.
 - 5. I have filed an amended** IRS income tax return for tax year 2015. I will provide the following documents:
 - a.** A signed copy of the original 2015 IRS income tax return that was filed with the IRS or a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript** (signature not required) for the 2015 tax year; and
 - b.** A signed copy of the 2015 IRS Form 1040X, "Amended US Individual Income Tax Return," filed with the IRS.
 - 6. I am a victim of identity theft** and have been unable to obtain a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript** or use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. I will provide the following documents:
 - a.** A Tax Return DataBase View (TRDBV) transcript obtained from the IRS, or any other IRS tax transcript(s) that includes all of the income and tax information required to be verified; and
 - b.** 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.
 - 7. I am an individual who filed or will file a 2015 income tax return with the relevant taxing authority of a U.S. territory, commonwealth,** (e.g., Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Northern Marianas Islands), **or with a foreign central government.** I will provide a signed copy of that 2015 income tax return(s).
- B. I will not file and am not required to file a 2015 income tax return with the IRS.**
Note: We may require you to provide documentation from the IRS that indicates a 2015 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS.

1. Student's (and Spouse's) Work Information - Select a or b below.

- a.** Me and my spouse were **not employed** and had no income earned from work in 2015.
- b.** Me and/or my spouse were employed in 2015 and have listed below the names of all our employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2015, and whether an IRS W-2 Form is attached. [Provide copies of all 2015 IRS W-2 Forms issued to the you and your spouse by employers]. List every employer even if they did not issue a IRS W-2 Form. *If more space is needed, attach separate page with the student's name and Social Security Number or CWID at the top.*

Employer's Name	Employee (student or spouse)	2015 Annual Amount Earned	W-2 Attached?
Suzu's Auto Body Shop (example)	Jane Student	\$2,000 (example)	Yes (example)

Step 4. SNAP Benefit Information to Be Verified

Complete this section if someone in your household received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) during the 2014 or 2015 calendar years.

People in your household include:

- Yourself.
- Your spouse if you are married.
- Your children or your spouse's children if you or your spouse will provide more than half of the children's support from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, even if a child does not live with you.
- Other people if they now live with you and for whom you or your spouse provides more than half of the other person's support and will continue to provide more than half of that person's support through June 30, 2018.

One of the persons in my household received SNAP benefits in 2016 or 2017. If asked by my school, I will provide documentation of the receipt of SNAP benefits during 2016 and/or 2017.

NOTE: If we have reason to believe that the information regarding the receipt of SNAP benefits is inaccurate, we may require documentation from the agency that issued the snap benefits in 2016 or 2017. 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).

Step 5. Student (and Spouse's) Child Support Paid Information to Be Verified

Either I, or if married, my spouse, who is a member of the household, paid child support in 2016. Provide in the space below the names of the persons who paid the child support, the names of the persons to whom the child support was paid, the names and ages of the children for whom the child support was paid, and the total annual amount of child support that was paid in 2016 for each child. If more space is needed, provide a separate page that includes the student's name & ID number at the top.

NOTE: If we have reason to believe that the information regarding child support is not accurate, we may require additional documentation, such as: a copy of the separation agreement or divorce decree that shows the amount of child support to be provided; a statement from the individual receiving the child support certifying the amount of child support received; or copies of the child support payment checks or money order receipts.

Name of Person Who Paid Child Support	Name of Person to Whom Child Support was Paid	Name & Age of Child for Whom Support Was Paid	2016 Annual Amount Paid
<i>Jimmy Senior (spouse paying money)</i>	<i>Suzy Que (spouse receiving money)</i>	<i>Jimmy Junior (child)</i>	<i>\$2,000.00 (example)</i>

Step 6. High School Completion Status

Provide one of the following documents to indicate the student's high school completion status when the student begins college in 2017-2018:

Choose the document that you will attach to this worksheet:

1	A copy of the student's high school diploma.
2	For students who completed secondary education in a foreign country, a copy of the "secondary school leaving certificate" or other similar document.
3	A copy of the student's final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
4	A state certificate or transcript received by a student after the student passed a State-authorized examination that the State recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma (GED test, HiSET, TASC, or other State-authorized examination).
5	An 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.
6	For a student who was homeschooled in a state where state law requires the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschooling (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
7	For a student who was homeschooled in a state where state law does not require the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschooling (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.
8	A student who is unable to obtain the documentation listed above must contact the financial aid office.

Step 7. Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

In order to complete the Verification process, the student must appear in person at Louisiana Tech University to verify his or her identity by presenting an unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport. The institution will maintain a copy of the student's photo ID that is annotated by the the institution with the date it was received and reviewed, and the name of the official at the institution authorized to receive and review the student's ID. In addition, the student must sign, in the presence of the institutional official, the Statement of Educational Purpose provided below.

If the student is unable to appear in person at Louisiana Tech University to verify his or her identity, you will need to provide a copy of your government issued ID and this worksheet notarized by a public notary.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____ am the individual signing this Statement of Education Purpose and that the federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending Louisiana Tech University for 2017-2018.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Financial Aid Administrator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement - necessary only if you cannot appear in person

State of: _____ City/County of: _____ on: _____
Date

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

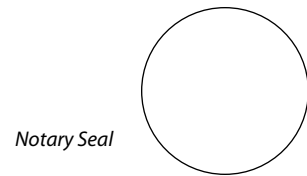
And proved to me on basis of satisfactory evidence of identification _____
Type of government-issued photo ID provided

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

WITNESS my hand and official seal

Notary's Signature

My commission expires on _____
Date



Step 8. Certification and Signatures

Each person signing this worksheet certifies that all of the information reported on it is complete and correct. The student must sign and date this worksheet. If married, the spouse's signature is optional.

Note: If we have reason to believe that the information is not accurate, we may require additional documentation.

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

Student's Signature: Date:

Spouse's Signature (optional): Date: