

## 2020-2021 Verification 5 Worksheet (Independent)

Your **2020-2021** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. The law says that before awarding Federal Student Aid, we may ask you to confirm the information you reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided the correct information, the financial aid administrator at your school will compare your FAFSA with the information on this worksheet and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit this form and other required documents to the financial aid administrator at your school. Your school may ask for 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.

### A. STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ UTHSC ID 885 \_\_\_\_\_

College/Program: \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Household Members and Number in College (Independent Student)

**Number of Household Members:** List below the people in the **parents' household**. Include:

- The *student*.
- The *parents* (including a stepparent) even if the student doesn't live with the parents.
- The **parents'** other children if the parents will provide more than half of the children's support from **July 1, 2020**, through **June 30, 2021**, or if the other children would be required to provide parental information if they were completing a *FAFSA* for **2020-2021**. Include children who meet either of these standards, even if a child does not live with the parents.
- **Other people** if they now **live with the parents** and the **parents** provide *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, 2021**.

**Number in College:** Include in the space below information about any household member who is, or will be, enrolled **at least half time** in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at an eligible postsecondary educational institution any time between **July 1, 2020**, and **June 30, 2021**, and include the name of the college.

If more space is needed, provide a separate page with the student's name and ID number at the top.

Full Name	Age	Relationship to Student	College	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time (Yes or No)
		SELF	UTHSC	

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

**C. Student Tax and Income Information**

Did you file a Federal Income Tax Return for 2018? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Were you required to file a Federal Income Tax Return for 2018? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**1. If you answered YES, you did file, check the circle that applies:** I **have used** the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer my 2018 IRS income information into FAFSA. I will submit my **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)**: (You may obtain a free federal tax transcript by going to the IRS website at [www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript](http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript), or call the IRS transcript request line at 1-800-908-9946.)**2. If you answered NO, but worked in 2018, attach a photocopy of your 2018 W-2s and unemployment documents** A Verification of Non-Filing from the IRS. (This can be requested at [www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript](http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript) using the “Get Transcript by Mail” option or by using IRS form 4506-T, selecting option 7. Please have the verification mailed to yourself. If you worked in 2018, also attach a photocopy of their 2018 W-2s and unemployment documents

Employer's Name	2018 Amount
a.	\$
b.	\$
c.	\$

**D. Spouse Tax and Income Information**

Did your spouse file a Federal Income Tax Return for 2018? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Were your spouse required to file a Federal Income Tax Return for 2018? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**1. If you answered YES, you did file, check the circle that applies:** I **have used** the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer my 2018 IRS income information into FAFSA. I will submit my **2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)**: (You may obtain a free federal tax transcript by going to the IRS website at [www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript](http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript), or call the IRS transcript request line at 1-800-908-9946.)**2. If you answered NO, they did not file, please submit:** A Verification of Non-Filing from the IRS. (This can be requested at [www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript](http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript) using the “Get Transcript by Mail” option or by using IRS form 4506-T, selecting option 7. Please have the verification mailed to yourself. If your spouse worked in 2018, also attach a photocopy of their 2018 W-2s and unemployment documents

Employer's Name	2018 Amount
a.	\$
b.	\$
c.	\$

**B. High School Completion Status**

**Description:** Provide one of the following documents that indicate the student's high school completion status when the student will begin college:

- A copy of the student's high school diploma.
- A copy of the student's final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
- A copy of the student's General Educational Development (GED) certificate or GED transcript.
- 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.
- If state law requires a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
- If state law does not require a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (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 documents the successful completion of a secondary school education in a homeschool setting.

If the student is unable to obtain the documentation listed above, he or she must contact the Financial Aid office.

## Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

### C. In Person

The student must appear in person at the UTHSC Financial Aid Office to verify his or her identity by presenting valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID or a U.S. passport. The institution will maintain a copy of the student's photo ID that is annotated with the date it was received and the name of the official at the institution authorized to collect the student's ID.

In addition, the student must sign, in the presence of the institutional official, the following:

#### Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_ am the individual signing this Statement of Educational 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 UTHSC for 2020-2021.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Signature/Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

### D. By Mail (Originals required, fax not acceptable)

If the student is unable to appear in person at the UTHSC Financial Aid Office to verify his or her identity, the student must provide both: **(To Be Signed With Notary)**

- a. A copy of an unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID) such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID or U.S. passport that is acknowledged in a notary statement or that is presented to a notary; and
- b. The original notarized Statement of Educational Purpose provided on this form.

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of \_\_\_\_\_

City/County of \_\_\_\_\_

On (Date) \_\_\_\_\_, before me (Notary's name), \_\_\_\_\_

personally appeared (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**

(seal)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Notary signature)

My commission expires on (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

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#### CERTIFICATION

*I hereby certify that all statements and information provided on the worksheet are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. If asked by an authorized official, I agree to give proof of the information that I have given on this worksheet. I understand it is a federal crime if I purposefully give false or misleading information on this worksheet, which may be subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both.*

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_