

## 2025-2026 Verification 5 Worksheet (Independent)

Your **2025-2026** 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 must ask you to confirm the information you reported on your FAFSA with supporting documentation. To verify that you provided the correct information, the Financial Aid Office 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 Office before you may receive any federal aid. The Financial Aid Office may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

### A. STUDENT INFORMATION

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

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

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

Number of Household Members: List below the people in your household Include:

- The *student*.
- The *student's spouse* (if married).
- The *student's or spouse's* children if the student or spouse will provide more than half of the children's support from **July 1, 2025**, through **June 30, 2026**, even if a child does not live with the student
- **Other people** if they now **live with the student and if the student or spouse** 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, 2026**

**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, 2025** and **June 30, 2026**, 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)
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**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 2023? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Were you required to file a Federal Income Tax Return for 2023? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**1. If you answered YES, you were required to file, check the answer that applies:**I **have used** the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer my 2023 IRS income information into the FAFSA.I will submit my **2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript**: (You may obtain a free federal Tax Return 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.)I will provide a signed **2023 1040 Tax Return** with applicable schedules.**2 If you answered NO, you must 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.

A photocopy of all your 2023 W-2s, if you worked in 2023

Employer's Name	2023 Amount Received
a.	\$
b.	\$
c.	\$

**D. Spouse Tax and Income Information**

Did your spouse file a Federal Income Tax Return for 2023? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Was your spouse required to file a Federal Income Tax Return for 2023? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**1. If you answered YES, you were required to file, check the answer that applies:**I **have used** the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer my 2023 IRS income information into the FAFSA.I will submit my **2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript**: (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.)I will provide a signed **2023 1040 Tax Return** with applicable schedules.**2. If you answered NO, they did not file, you must 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.

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a.	\$
b.	\$
c.	\$

## **F. Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose**

You must appear in person at \_\_\_\_\_ to  
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

verify your 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. UTHSC will maintain a copy of your photo ID that is annotated by the institution with the date it was received and reviewed, and the name of the official at UTHSC authorized to receive and review the student's ID.

In addition, you must sign, in the presence of the institutional official, the Statement of Educational Purpose provided below.

### **Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (To Be Signed in the Presence of a Notary)**

If you are unable to appear in person at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

to verify your identity, you must provide to the UTHSC:

- (a) A copy of the unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID) that is acknowledged in the notary statement below, or that is presented to a notary, such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport; and
- (b) The original Statement of Educational Purpose provided below, which must be notarized. If the notary statement appears on a separate page than the Statement of Educational Purpose, there must be a clear indication that the Statement of Educational Purpose was the document notarized.

### **Statement of Educational Purpose**

I certify that I \_\_\_\_\_ am the individual signing  
(Print Student's Name)

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 \_\_\_\_\_ for  
2025–2026. (Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's ID Number)

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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: \_\_\_\_\_