

2016–2017 Comprehensive Verification Worksheet

Independent Student

Your 2016–2017 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 correct information, the Student Financial Services Office staff 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 the form and other required documents to the Student Financial Services Office at Clarion University. Clarion may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact the Student Financial Services Office as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

A. Independent Student’s Information

Student’s Last Name	Student’s First Name	Student’s M.I.	Clarion ID Number
Student’s Street Address (include apt. no.)			Student’s Date of Birth
City	State	Zip Code	Student’s Cell Phone Number
Student’s Home Phone Number (include area code)			

B. Independent Student’s Family Information

List below the **people in your household. Include:**

- **Yourself.**
- **Your spouse,** if you are married.
- **Your children,** if any, if you or your spouse will provide more than half of the children’s support from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, even if the children do not live with you.
- **Other people** if they now live with you and you provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2017.

Include the name of the college for any household member who will be enrolled at least half time, in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at a postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017. *If more space is needed, attach a separate page with your name and Clarion ID number at the top.*

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time
		<i>Self</i>	<i>Clarion University of PA</i>	

C. Independent Student's Income Information to Be Verified

1. **STUDENTS WHO FILED A FEDERAL TAX RETURN**—**Important Note:** If you (or your spouse, if married) filed, or will file, an **amended** 2015 IRS tax return, filed separate 2015 income tax returns, or had a change in marital status after December 31, 2015, you must contact the Student Financial Services Office before completing this section.

Instructions: Complete this section if you (and your spouse, if married) filed or will file a 2015 IRS income tax return. *The best way to verify income is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT) that is part of FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.gov.* In most cases, no further documentation is needed to verify 2015 income information that was transferred into the student's FAFSA using the IRS DRT **if** that information was **not changed** by the FAFSA filer.

Check the box that applies:

- The student **has used** the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in *FAFSA on the Web* to transfer 2015 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA.
- The student **has not yet used** the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in *FAFSA on the Web*, but **will** use the tool to transfer 2015 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA once the 2015 IRS income tax return has been filed.
- The student is **unable, or chooses 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**.

A 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be obtained through:

- **Online Request** – Go to www.irs.gov, under the Tools heading on the IRS homepage, click “Get a Tax Transcript by Mail.” Next, click “Get Transcript by MAIL.” Make sure to request the “IRS Tax Return Transcript” and **NOT** the “IRS Tax Account Transcript.”
- **Telephone Request** – 1-800-908-9946
- **Paper Request Form** – IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T

In most cases, for electronic tax return filers, 2015 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 2-3 weeks after the 2015 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2015 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2015 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 6-8 weeks after the 2015 paper IRS income tax return has been received by the IRS. Contact the Student Financial Services Office if more information is needed about using the IRS DRT or obtaining an IRS Tax Return Transcript.

- Check here if the student's IRS Tax Return Transcript is attached to this worksheet.
- Check here if the student's IRS Tax Return Transcript will be submitted to Clarion later. **Verification cannot be completed until the IRS tax return transcript has been submitted to the SFS Office.**

2. **STUDENTS WHO DID NOT FILE A FEDERAL TAX RETURN**— Complete this section **if** the student, WILL NOT file AND is not required to file a 2015 income tax return with the IRS.

Check the box that applies:

- I was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2015.
- I was employed in 2015 and have listed below the names of all my employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2015, and whether an IRS W-2 form is provided. List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form. (Provide signed copies of all 2015 IRS W-2 forms issued to the student by their employers.)

Employer's Name	IRS W-2 Provided?	2015 Amount Earned
<i>(Example) ABC's Auto Body Shop</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>\$4,500.00</i>
Total Amount of Income Earned From Work		\$

D. Independent Student's Other Information to Be Verified

1. Please check and complete and appropriate box concerning the receipt of SNAP benefits.

The student certifies that _____, a member of the student's household, received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) sometime during 2014 or 2015. 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).

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 2014 or 2015.

No one in the student's household received SNAP benefits in either 2014 or 2015.

2. If the student and/or spouse, who is a member of the student's household, paid child support in 2015, 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 2015 for each child.

Name of Person Who Paid Child Support	Name of Person to Whom Child Support was Paid	Name and Age of Child for Whom Support Was Paid	Annual Amount of Child Support Paid in 2015
<i>Marty Jones</i>	<i>Chris Smith (example)</i>	<i>Terry Jones (Age 15)</i>	<i>\$6,000.00</i>
Total Amount of Child Support Paid			\$

3. **Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose**-Please only complete ONE Statement of Educational Purpose. You may either complete the first section in person at Clarion University, OR complete the second section with a notary. Both are NOT required.

****To Be Signed at Clarion University:**

The student must appear in person at **Clarion 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 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.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____ am the individual signing this Statement of Educational Purpose and
 (Print Student's Name)
 that the Federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending **Clarion University** for 2016-2017.

 (Student's Signature)

 (Date)

 (Student's ID Number)

OR

*****To Be Signed With Notary (if the student is unable to appear in person at Clarion University to verify his or her identity)***

To verify his or her identity, the student must provide the following to the institution:

- (a) A copy of the unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID) that is acknowledged in the notary statement below, 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 other 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 this Statement of Educational Purpose and
(Print Student's Name)
that the Federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending **Clarion University** for 2016-2017.

(Student's Signature)

(Date)

(Student's ID Number)

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of _____
City/County of _____
On _____, before me, _____,
(Date) (Notary's name)
personally appeared, _____, and proved to me on the basis of satisfactory
(Printed name of signer)
evidence of identification _____ to be the above-named person who signed
(Type of unexpired government-issued photo ID provided)
the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal
(seal)

(Notary signature)
My commission expires on _____

Student's Name: _____ Clarion ID: _____

E. Certification and Signature

Each person signing below certifies that all the information reported is complete and correct.

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 (if student is married)

Date

Do not mail this worksheet to the U.S. Department of Education.

Submit this worksheet to:

**Clarion University of Pennsylvania
Student Financial Services Office
Becht Hall
840 Wood Street
Clarion, PA 16214**

(You should make a copy of this worksheet for your records.)