



2016-2017 Verification Worksheet

Independent Student

Your 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. The federal regulation states 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 financial aid administrator at NEIU 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 financial aid administrator at NEIU. NEIU may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact the Financial Aid Office so that your financial aid package will not be delayed.

A. Independent Student's Information

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

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 will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, or if the child would be required to provide your information if they were completing a FAFSA for 2016-2017. Include children who meet either of these standards, even if they 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 NEIU ID at the top.*

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time
		<i>Self</i>	<i>Northeastern Illinois University</i>	

C. Independent Student's Income Information to Be Verified

1. TAX RETURN FILERS—Instructions: Complete this section if you, the student, filed or will file a 2015 income tax with the IRS. *The best way to verify income is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool that is part of FAFSA on the Web. If the student has not already used the tool, go to FAFSA.gov, log in to the student's FAFSA record, select "Make FAFSA Corrections," and navigate to the income section of the application. From there, follow the instructions to determine if the student is eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer 2015 IRS income tax information into the student's FAFSA. The tax filing status should reflect 'Already Filed.' It takes up to two weeks for IRS income information to be available for the IRS Data Retrieval Tool for electronic IRS tax return filers and up to eight weeks for paper IRS tax return filers.*

Check the box that applies:

- I, the student, have used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in *FAFSA on the Web* to transfer my (and, if married, my spouse's) 2015 IRS income tax return information into my FAFSA, either on the initial FAFSA or when making a correction to the FAFSA. *Your school will use the IRS information that was transferred in the verification process.*
- I, the student, have not yet used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in *FAFSA on the Web*, but I will use the tool to transfer my (and, if married, my spouse's) 2015 IRS income tax return information into my FAFSA once the 2015 IRS income tax return is filed.
- I, the student, am unable or choose not to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in *FAFSA on the Web*, and I will provide the school with a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript and W-2 form(s)**— not a photocopy of the income tax return. *To obtain an IRS Tax Return Transcript, go to www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript and click on the "Get Transcript Online or by Mail." Make sure to request the "IRS tax return transcript" and not the "IRS tax account transcript." Make sure to request the "IRS tax return transcript" and not the "IRS tax account transcript." If you are married and you and your spouse filed separate 2015 tax returns, you must submit Tax Return Transcripts along with W-2 forms for both you and your spouse.*
 - Check here if an IRS tax return and W-2 form(s) are attached to this worksheet. **Important Note:** Verification cannot be completed without these documents.
 - A copy of IRS Form 4868, "Application for automatic Extension of time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return" is attached.
 - For "Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Returns" provide the 2015 IRS Form 1040X, Original IRS Tax Transcript **AND** the IRS Tax Account Transcript with amendments
 - A copy of a 2015 Foreign Tax Return with any foreign monies converted to U.S. dollars is attached.
 - For victims of IRS identity theft, provide an IRS Tax Return Database View (TRDBV) Transcript **AND** a signed, dated statement indicating that you were victim of IRS tax-related identity theft and that the IRS has been made aware. *To obtain a printout of this documentation, contact IRS at 1-800-908-4490.*

2. NON-TAX FILERS—Instructions: Complete this section if you, the student (and, if married, your spouse), will not file and is not required to file a 2015 income tax return with the IRS. You may be required to submit an IRS Non Filer Statement.

Check the box that applies:

- The student (and, if married, the student's spouse) was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2015.
- The student (and/or the student's spouse if married) was employed in 2015 and has listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2015, and whether a W-2 form(s) are attached. *List every employer even if the employer did not issue a W-2 form. If more space is needed, attach a separate page with your name and NEIU ID at the top.*

Employer's Name	2015 Amount Earned	W-2 Attached?
Gonzalez's Auto Body Shop (example)	\$2,000.00	Yes

D. Independent Student's Other Information to Be Verified

- Complete this section if someone in the student's household (listed in Section B) received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) any time during the 2014 or 2015 calendar years.
 - One of the persons listed in Section B of this worksheet received SNAP benefits in 2014 or 2015. If asked by my school, I will provide documentation of the receipt of SNAP benefits during 2014 and/or 2015.
- Complete this section if you or your spouse, if married, **PAID CHILD SUPPORT** in 2015.
 - Either I, or if married my spouse who is listed in Section B of this worksheet, paid child support in 2015. I have indicated below the name of the person who paid the child support, the name of the person to whom the child support was paid, the names of the children for whom child support was paid, and the total annual amount of child support that was paid in 2015 for each child. If asked by my school, I will provide documentation of the payment of child support. *If you need more space, attach a separate page that includes your name and NEIU ID at the top.*

Name of Person Who Paid Child Support	Name of Person to Whom Child Support was Paid	Name of Child for Whom Support Was Paid	Amount of Child Support Paid in 2015

- Complete this section if you or your spouse, if married, **RECEIVED CHILD SUPPORT** in 2015.
 - Either I, or if married my spouse who is listed in Section B of this worksheet, received child support in 2015. I have indicated below the name of the person who received the child support, the names of the children for whom child support was received and the total annual amount of child support that was received in 2015 for each child. If asked by my school, I will provide documentation of the child support received. *If you need more space, attach a separate page that includes your name and NEIU ID at the top.*

Name of Person Who Received Child Support	Name of Child for Whom Support Was Received	Amount of Child Support Received in 2015

E. Certification and Signature

I certify that all of the information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct. The student must sign this worksheet. If married, the spouse's signature is optional.

Student's Signature

Date

Spouse's Signature

Date

*Do not mail this worksheet to the U.S. Department of Education.
Submit this worksheet to the Financial Aid Office at Northeastern Illinois University.
5500 North Saint Louis Avenue (D-200)
Chicago, Illinois 60625-4699
Telefax: 773-442-5040
Email: Financial-Aid@neiu.edu*

You should keep a copy of this worksheet for your records.

FOR OFFICE PURPOSES ONLY: This Worksheet should only be accepted for VERIFICATION TRACKING GROUPS ONE, FIVE OR SIX