



**2026-2027 Verification Worksheet – Independent Student**

Student's First Name		6-digit NEIU Student ID#	
Student's Last Name		Phone Number	

**A. 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, 2026 through June 30, 2027, or if the child would be required to provide your information if they were completing a FAFSA for 2026-2027. 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, 2027. This includes any unborn children.

Include the name of the college for any household member who will be enrolled at least half time, in a degree program at a postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027. *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>	

Complete this section if the student **RECEIVED VETERANS NON-EDUCATION BENEFITS** in 2024.

Name of Person Who Received Benefits	Type of Benefit Received	Amount of Benefit Received in 2024



Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NEIU ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. 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 2024 income tax with the IRS.

I, the student *provided Federal Tax Information (FTI) Consent and used the IRS Data Exchange within the FAFSA Online Application.*

I, the student *plan to login into studentaid.gov, select "Make Corrections" to the FAFSA and follow instructions to provide FTI Consent in order for the tax information to be extracted into the application.*

I, was unable to use **the IRS Data Exchange and will provide a 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript one of four ways:**

- **Get Transcript Online** – Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), click "Get Your Tax Record." Click "Sign in to your online account." Make sure to request the "Return Transcript" and NOT the "Account Transcript." Follow the instructions to create an ID.me account if you do not already have one. If you need help creating an ID.me account or verifying your identity, visit the ID.me IRS Help Site (<https://help.id.me/hc/en-us/articles/8214940302999-IRS-and-ID-me>).
- **Get Transcript by Mail** – Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), click "Get Your Tax Record." Click "Get Transcript by Mail." Make sure to request the "Return Transcript" and NOT the "Account Transcript." The transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the online request.
- **Automated Telephone Request** – 1-800-908-9946. Transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the telephone request.
- **Paper Request Form** – IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T. The transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the paper request form.

**2. NON-TAX FILERS— Instructions:** Complete this section if the student and/or spouse is **not required** to file a 2024 income tax return with the IRS. **Non-Tax filers are required to submit an IRS Non-Tax Filer Transcript regardless of the amount of earnings during 2024.**

**Check the box that applies:**

I, the student and/or spouse was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2024.

I, the student and/or spouse was employed in 2024 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2024, and whether an IRS W-2 form, or an equivalent document is provided. [Provide copies of all 2024 IRS W-2 forms issued to you and your spouse. List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form. If more space is needed, provide a separate page with your name and ID number at the top.]

Employer's Name	2024 Amount Earned	W-2 Attached?
Gonzalez's Auto Body Shop (example)	\$2,000.00	Yes



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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NEIU ID: \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Independent Student's Other Information to Be Verified

1. Complete this section if someone in the student's household (listed in Section A) **RECEIVED BENEFITS FROM the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP** (formerly known as food stamps) any time during the 2025 or 2026 calendar years.

One of the persons listed in Section A of this worksheet received SNAP benefits in 2025 or 2026. If asked by the student's school, I will provide documentation of the receipt of SNAP benefits during 2025 and/or 2026.

2. Complete this section if your **2024 TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME falls below \$31,200. MUST BE >ZERO.**

Type of Assistance received by student	Who is the Provider (relationship to the student, e.g. friend, relative, parent)	Amount Received in 2024
Wages or Cash		
Unemployment Benefits		
Child Support		
Housing or other Living Allowance		
Utilities or Cell phone		
Transportation or Food		
Health Insurance		
Social Security Benefits		
Other:		

### D. Certification and Signature

I certify that all 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.  
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**WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.**