



# 2023-2024 Independent Verification Worksheet

Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected by the Department of Education for a review process called verification. During this review, Eureka College will compare information submitted on your FAFSA to information on this worksheet and other required documentation. Federal regulations require that we complete verification before processing federal financial aid.

If there are differences between information on your FAFSA and this worksheet, we will send corrections to the FAFSA processor. You will receive an acknowledgment reflecting these changes. If we do make corrections, please do **not** make any subsequent changes to your FAFSA data.

Complete all sections on this form of A,B,C,D, and E. Please use one of the following options to submit this worksheet and any required documents to our office:

- **Upload: completed signed worksheet and any documents required to your EC Financial Aid Student Portal**
- **Fax: 309-467-6897**
- **Mail: Eureka College Financial Aid Office, 300 East College Avenue, Eureka, IL 61530**
- **Email: [financialaid@eureka.edu](mailto:financialaid@eureka.edu) (secure manner)**

If you have questions about completing this form, call the Eureka College Financial Aid Office at (309) 467-6310 or e-mail [financialaid@eureka.edu](mailto:financialaid@eureka.edu)

## A. Student Information

_____ Last Name	_____ First Name	_____ M.I.	_____ Student's Sonis ID Number
_____ Permanent Home Address (include R.R., P.O. Box, or Apt. No.)			_____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
_____ City	_____ State	_____ ZIP	_____ Student Cell Phone Number (with area code)

## B. Family Information

List all the people in your household. Include:

- Yourself.
- Spouse if you are married.
- Your dependent children **if** you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
- Other people if they currently live with you and you provide more than one-half of their support and will continue to through June 30, 2024.
- Write the name of the college for anyone who will attend college at least half-time between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, and who will be enrolled in a program leading to a degree, diploma or certificate.

Full Name	Age	Relationship to Student	College or University
(example) Inez Jones	23	spouse	Eureka College
		self	Eureka College

**C. Student's (and spouse's) 2021 Income and Federal Tax Information**

Choose ONE box only. Please see Instruction Page for further assistance.

You the student (and spouse) filed a 2021 Federal Tax Return and have successfully transferred your IRS tax information directly from the IRS to the FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool and made no change to that information.

You the student (and spouse) filed a 2021 Federal Tax Return and will provide Eureka College with a 2021 Federal Tax Return Transcript that can be obtained from [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

You the student (and spouse) **have not and are not required** to file a 2021 Federal Tax Return **and** had no earnings from work in 2021. Student (and spouse) will provide a Verification of Non-filing letter(s) that can be obtained from [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

You the student (and spouse) **have not and are not required** to file a 2021 Federal Tax Return but had some earnings from work in 2021. Student (and spouse) will provide a Verification of Non-filing letter(s) that can be obtained from [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and copies of all W2's. Student (and spouse) will also complete the chart below listing all employers and earnings. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

	Employer(s) Name	2021 Earnings W-2s (box 1)
Student	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	Student Total	_____
Spouse	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	Spouse Total	_____

**D. Sign this Worksheet**

By signing this worksheet, I (we) certify that all the information reported here to qualify for federal student aid is complete and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Sonis ID Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone Number

# Independent Verification Worksheet Instructions

Section C of the Independent Verification Worksheet requests information about the student (and spouse) 2020 Federal Tax Return. In order to provide that to Eureka College you will need to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool on the FAFSA **OR** request a 2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript. Student's (and spouse's) that did not file a 2021 Federal Tax Return must provide copies of all W2's (if applicable) and a Verification of Non-Filing Letter from the IRS. Below you will find directions on how to utilize the IRS Data Retrieval Tool and how to request an IRS Tax Transcript or Verification of Non-Filing Letter.

## **Using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool**

Access your FAFSA at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) and log into your account. Once logged in, click on the option to "Make FAFSA Corrections" (this will take you to your completed FAFSA information). If federal taxes have already been filed, you will be able to utilize the IRS DRT once you get to the Financial Information section. First, you must indicate that 2021 taxes were "Already completed", select the tax filing status and answer whether or not a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return was filed for 2021. If you answer "No" then the IRS Data Retrieval Tool will be displayed. Click "link to IRS" and then click "Proceed to IRS Site" and you will then be taken to the IRS website and asked to enter your information. Enter your name and address exactly how it appears on your 2021 federal tax return. If the tool can locate tax information, click the option to "transfer now". Once you are done make sure to "next" through the rest of the FAFSA and complete the new submission on the "Sign and Submit" page.

## **Requesting an IRS Tax Return Transcript**

For Tax Return Transcript go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), click "Get My Tax Record". Then choose "Get Transcript Online" or "Get Transcript by Mail". To use the "Get Transcript Online" tool, users must have (1) access to a valid email address, (2) a text-enabled mobile phone (pay-as-you-go plans cannot be used) in the user's name, and (3) specific financial account numbers (such as a credit card number or an account number for a home mortgage or auto loan). The transcript displays online upon successful completion of the IRS's two-step authentication. Requests can also be made by telephone at (800) 908-9946 or by completing a [4506-T](http://www.irs.gov/4506-t) that can be mailed or faxed to the IRS. If you already have an account established, you can log in to access your Tax Return Transcript. To "Get Transcript by Mail" simply chose that option and supply requested the requested information. In any case make sure that you request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and **NOT** "IRS Account Transcript". The transcripts requested by "Get Transcript by Mail", Phone and 4506-T are generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of your request.

## **Verification of Non-Filing Letter**

For Verification of Non-filing letter go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), click "Get My Tax Record". Then choose "Get Transcript online". You must register with the IRS to use the online service to get the Verification on Non-Filing Letters. To use the "Get Transcript Online" tool, users must have (1) access to a valid email address, (2) a text-enabled mobile phone (pay-as-you-go plans cannot be used) in the user's name, and (3) specific financial account numbers (such as a credit card number or an account number for a home mortgage or auto loan). The transcript displays online upon successful completion of the IRS's two-step authentication. If you already have an account established, you can log in to access a Verification of Non-filing letter. Requests can also be made by telephone at (800) 908-9946 or by completing a [4506-T](http://www.irs.gov/4506-t) that can be mailed or faxed to the IRS. Verification of Non-filing letters requested by phone or 4506-T are generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of your request.