

2025-2026 INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION WORKSHEET

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 may ask you to confirm the information you and your parents reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information GSU 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 and at least one parent must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to the financial aid administrator at GSU. We may need to ask for additional information in the future. If you have questions about verification, contact our office as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Please complete this verification form and provide copies of all requested paperwork within **15 days** of receipt to Governors State University.

Student Name: _____ GSU ID # _____ Last 4 digits of SS#: _____
 (Please Print) Last First

Permanent Home Address: _____
 City State Zip Code

Student's Date of Birth: _____ Home Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Please list all members of your household. Remember to include:

- Yourself
- Your spouse if you are married (even if you were not married in 2023)
- Your children if the following are true:
 - They live with you (or live apart because of college enrollment),
 - They receive more than half of their support from you, and
 - They will continue to receive more than half of their support from you during the award year.
- Other persons if the following are true:
 - They live with you,
 - They receive more than half of their support from you, and
 - They will continue to receive more than half of their support from you during the award year.

The provided criteria for "dependent children" or "other persons" align with the requirement that family size align with whom the parent could claim as a dependent on a U.S. tax return if the parent were to file a U.S tax return at the time of completing the 2025-2026 FAFSA. As a result, the parent should not include any unborn children in the family size. Support is defined as providing food, housing, medical/dental care or health insurance, money or other financial resources. If you need more space, attach a separate sheet.

FULL NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP
		<i>Self</i>

FULL NAME (Cont'd)	AGE (Cont'd)	RELATIONSHIP (Cont'd)

STUDENT 2023 INCOME

Please choose a scenario:

- ☐ I (and/or my spouse, if applicable) consented to use the Direct Data Exchange (DDX) on the FAFSA to retrieve and transfer 2023 IRS income information into my FAFSA, either on the initial FAFSA or when making a correction to the FAFSA **OR** will provide the institution with 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2023 income tax return(s) and applicable schedules.
- ☐ I am married, but my spouse and I filed separate 2023 federal tax returns.
 - Submit **two separate 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcripts** (one for you and one for your spouse listed on your FAFSA). Please be sure to include the student's name and GSU student ID on the top right corner of each supporting piece of documentation.
- ☐ I (and/or my spouse, if applicable) was/were not employed and had no income earned from work in 2023.
- ☐ I (and/or my spouse, if applicable) was/were employed during 2023 but was/were not required to file a 2023 federal tax return.
 - **Must submit W-2 forms for each employer.**
 - **List below the names of all employers and the amount earned from each employer.**

EMPLOYER NAME	STUDENT AMOUNT	SPOUSE AMOUNT	IRS W-2 ATTACHED? (YES/NO)
	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES

Each person signing this worksheet certifies that all of the information reported on it is complete and correct. The student must sign and date this worksheet.

 Student Signature Date

 Spouse Signature Date

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.