

# **Independent Verification Worksheet: Group 1: Standard**

**Email Address** 

2018-2019

A. Student Information			
Last Name	First Name	Stu	udent ID Number (starts C00
Street Address	City	State	ZIP code

Date of Birth

# B. Household Members and Number in College

List all of the people in your household below. Include:

Yourself

Phone Number (Include Area Code)

- Your spouse, if you are married
- Your and your spouse's children, if you or your spouse will provide more than half of their support, even if they do not live with you.
- Other people if they now live with you and your spouse, and you and your spouse provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2018.

# **Note about Current College Enrollment:**

Include the name of the college for any household member who is, or will be, enrolled <u>at least half time</u> in an undergraduate or graduate degree, diploma, or certificate program at any time between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2019. *If more space is needed, attach a separate page with the student's name and Columbia ID Number at the top.* 

Full Name	Age	Relationship	Name of College	Undergraduate/	Half-time/	Expected
			for the 2018-2019	Graduate	Full-time	Graduation
			Academic Year			Date (mm/yy)

By signing this worksheet, I certify all the information reported is complete and correct. The student and spouse must sign. **Electronic signatures are NOT acceptable.** 

Student Signature	Date	Student ID Number
Student Signature	Date	Student 1D Number
Spouse Signature	Date	Spouse Name (Please Print)

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# C. Student and Spouse's Income Information

**Important Note:** The instructions below apply to the student and spouse, if the student is married. Notify the financial aid office if the student or spouse filed separate IRS income tax returns for 2016 or had a change in marital status after December 31, 2016.

- If the student and spouse filed separate 2016 IRS income tax returns, the IRS DRT cannot be used and the 2016 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) must be provided for each person.
- If the student and/or spouse filed an <u>amended</u> 2016 IRS tax return, you must review Page 3 of this worksheet for further instructions
- If the student and/or spouse filed a non-US tax return, or is not required to file a foreign tax return, they must review Page 3 of this worksheet for further instructions.

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The student and/or spouse has used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer 2016 IRS income tax return information to the student's FAFSA. <i>If you need more information about when, or how, to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, please go to</i> <a href="http://cc-seas.financialaid.columbia.edu/content/irs-drt">http://cc-seas.financialaid.columbia.edu/content/irs-drt</a>
The student and/or spouse has not yet used the IRS DRT in FAFSA on the Web, but will use the tool to transfer 2016 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA. <i>Our Office cannot complete verification until IRS information has been transferred to the student's FAFSA.</i>
The student and/or spouse is unable or chooses not to use the IRS DRT to transfer information from the IRS to the FAFSA, and instead will provide the school with a <b>2016 IRS Tax Return Transcript</b> .

Complete this section if the student and/or spouse will not file and is <u>not required</u> to file a 2016 income tax return with the IRS.

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The student and/or spouse was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2016.
The student and/or spouse was employed in 2016.
List below the names of all employers and the amount earned from each employer in 2016. Please
attach copies of 2016 W-2 statements or 1099-MISC forms, if not already submitted. If more space is
needed, attach a separate page with the student's name and Columbia ID Number at the top.

Employee	Employer's Name	IRS W2 or Equivalent	Annual Amount
(Student or spouse)		Document Provided?	Earned in 2016
	Total Amount of	Income Earned from Work	\$

Provide documentation from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2017 that indicates a 2016 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS or other relevant tax authority.

Check here if IRS Verification of Non-filing Letter is attached.
Check here if Verification of Non-filing will be provided later: https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4506t.pdf
(Request option 7; most requests will be processed within 10 business days)

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# Documentation for Verification of 2016 Income Information for Individuals with Unusual Circumstances

## Individuals Granted a Filing Extension by the IRS

An individual who is required to file a 2016 IRS income tax return and has been granted a filing extension by the IRS beyond the automatic six-month extension for tax year 2016, must provide:

- A copy of IRS Form 4868, "Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," that was filed with the IRS for tax year 2016;
- A copy of the IRS's approval of an extension beyond the automatic six-month extension for tax year 2016;
- Verification of Non-filing Letter (confirmation that the tax return has not yet been filed) from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2017;
- A copy of IRS Form W–2 for each source of employment income received or an equivalent document for tax year 2016 and,
- If self-employed, a signed statement certifying the amount of the individual's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) and the U.S. income tax paid for tax year 2016.

#### Individuals Who Filed an Amended IRS Income Tax Return

An individual who filed an amended IRS income tax return for tax year 2016 must provide:

 A 2016 IRS Tax Return Transcript (that will only include information from the original tax return and does not have to be signed

### and

A signed copy of the 2016 IRS Form 1040X, "Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," that was filed with the IRS.

## Individuals Who Were Victims of IRS Tax-Related Identity Theft

An individual who was the victim of IRS tax-related identity theft must provide:

A Tax Return DataBase View (TRDBV) transcript obtained from the IRS, or any other IRS tax transcript(s) that includes all of the income and tax information required to be verified;

#### and

• A statement signed and dated by the tax filer indicating that he or she was a victim of IRS tax-related identity theft and that the IRS is aware of the tax-related identity theft.

# **Individuals Who Filed Non-IRS Income Tax Returns**

- A tax filer who filed an income tax return with Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands may provide a signed copy of his or her income tax return that was filed with the relevant tax authority. However, if we question the accuracy of the information on the signed copy of the income tax return, the tax filer must provide us with a copy of the tax account information issued by the relevant tax authority before verification can be completed.
- A tax filer who filed an income tax return with the tax authority for American Samoa must provide a copy of his or her tax account information.
- A tax filer who filed an income tax return with tax authorities not mentioned above, i.e. a foreign tax authority, and who indicates that he or she is unable to obtain the tax account information free of charge, must provide documentation that the tax authority charges a fee to obtain that information, along with a signed copy of his or her income tax return that was filed with the relevant tax authority.

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