

2017-2018 FAFSA Verification

IRS Data Retrieval Tool/Tax Return Transcript Information

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Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called “Verification.” Provide documentation needed to complete this verification process as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed. Please be aware that your financial aid eligibility may change based on verification.

Important Note: The instructions below apply to the student, as well as each parent included in the household for a dependent student, or if the student is married, the student’s spouse. Notify the financial aid office if the parents or student and spouse filed separate IRS income tax returns for 2015, did not file IRS income tax returns for 2015, or had a change in marital status after the end of the 2015 tax year on December 31, 2015.

The three options to provide the IRS processed income information are:

1. ~~Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT) that is part of FAFSA on the Web at www.FAFSA.gov.~~
*As of March 30, 2017, the IRS has disabled the DRT due to a security breach. The IRS anticipates to have this option available again beginning with the 2018-19 FAFSA cycle, which starts October 1, 2017.
2. **Provide a SIGNED copy of your 2015 Federal Tax Return** – (Effective April 24, 2017) – You may now submit a copy of your 2015 Federal Tax Return (Signed by all taxpayers listed on the return).
3. **Provide a 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript** - Once the IRS has processed your 2015 tax return, you may request a Tax Return Transcript using one of the following methods:
 - a. Go to <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript> and click on **“Get Transcript Online.”** When prompted, choose **“Return Transcript”** for the document type and **“2015”** for the tax year requested. This option requires you to prove your identity before you can access your transcripts. You will need to have a major credit card or bank loan and a cell phone in your name with a major carrier in order to prove your identity. Please print a copy and forward it to our office. If you are unable to prove your identity with this option, please use the next option below, “Get Transcript by Mail.”
 - b. Go to <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript> and click on **“Get Transcript by Mail.”** When prompted, choose **“Return Transcript”** for the document type and **“2015”** for the tax year requested.
 - c. Call the automated IRS Transcript Line at **800-908-9946**. When prompted, choose **option 2** (Transcript of Your Tax Return) and enter **“2015”** for the tax year requested.
 - d. Print IRS Form 4506-T and mail it directly to the IRS at the address listed on the form. You can download the document from this website: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4506t.pdf>. Enter **“1040”** on line 6 and check option **“a”** (Return Transcript). Enter **“12/31/2015”** on line 9. Please read the form carefully and provide all required information and signatures.

You should receive your Tax Return Transcript by mail within 5-10 business days using any one of these options. Please forward a copy of all pages to the Office of Financial Aid as soon as possible.

For most electronic filers, 2015 IRS income tax return information is available from the IRS within 3–4 weeks after the 2015 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2015 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2015 IRS income tax return information is available from the IRS within 8–11 weeks after the 2015 paper IRS income tax return has been received by the IRS.