



# 2018-2019

## Independent V1 Checklist

(Checklist for Standard Verification)

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Your application has been selected for review in a process called “Verification.” In this process, the information from your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be compared with your and your spouse’s (if applicable) Federal IRS tax information as well as other financial documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You must complete the items listed on the checklist below. All required documents must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office at EWC.

As part of the Verification process, you will need to submit the following:

### **A completed and signed Independent V1 Verification Worksheet**

### **Student Income Verification Information**

- **If you did not work**, you will need to check “I was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2016. I was not required to file a tax return” on the Verification Worksheet. You will need to provide a Verification of Nonfiling Letter that is dated on or after October 1, 2016.
  - To request an IRS Verification of Nonfiling Letter, please visit [www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript](http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript) to download and print your 2016 Verification of Nonfiling immediately, or request the letter be mailed to your address on record. The individual whose income is being verified will need to sign (handwritten signature only) and date the Letter before submitting the document to EWC.
    - If you cannot get the letter online, please complete Form 4506-T by clicking on the “Transcript types” hyperlink on the IRS Get Transcript website. Do NOT use the generic 4506 form as this requests tax returns rather than the required Verification of Nonfiling Letter. More specific instructions for the form are included on our EWC Financial Aid website.
- **If you did work, but you were not required to file a tax return**, you will need to check “I worked in 2016, but was not required to file a tax return” on the Verification Worksheet. You will need to list the amount you earned in 2016, and submit a copy of all 2016 W2 forms, and submit a Verification of Nonfiling Letter.
  - If you were self-employed and do not have W-2s available, you will need to submit a statement that includes your name(s), the type/name of your business, your gross income, and why you were unable to provide W-2s (self-employment). The individual whose income is being verified will need to sign (handwritten signature) and date the statement before submitting to EWC. PLEASE NOTE: if net earnings were \$400 or more, you may be required to file a tax return. Please refer to the IRS Tax Guide (Page 6, Chapter 1) for filing criteria.
  - If you were not self-employed, and cannot find your W2 forms, you will need to request a copy from your 2016 employer(s). If you are unable to receive a copy from the employer(s), please request a Wage and Income Statement using the IRS “Get Transcript Online” feature, or by completing IRS Form 4506-T. Instructions for the form are included on our website
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- **If you filed taxes in 2016 and used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool** (you would have gone to the IRS website *while completing the FAFSA*), you will need to check “I used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool process to transfer my 2016 IRS income tax return information when completing or updating my 2018-2019 FAFSA” on the Verification Worksheet. This option is not available for students who filed as “Married Filing Separately.” If you earned income from a Federal Work-Study Program, need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships, or a cooperative education program offered by a college in 2016, please fill in the lines for the Type/Amount. No further action is needed to verify your income.
- **If you did not use or were unable to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, but did file 2016 taxes**, you will need to check “My signed 2016 Federal IRS Tax Return TRANSCRIPT (this is different than a tax return) is attached” on the Verification Worksheet.

- Due to federal regulations, schools cannot accept tax returns. To request an IRS Tax Return Transcript, please visit [www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript](http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript) to download and print your 2016 transcript immediately, or request the transcript be mailed to your address on record. Be sure to request a Tax Return Transcript, NOT an Account Transcript. The tax filer must sign (handwritten signature only) and date the Tax Return Transcript before submitting the document to EWC.
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## □ Spouse (if applicable) Income Verification Information

**ONLY COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF you meet both of the following criteria:**

**A) Selected “Married or Remarried” as your marital status on your FAFSA AND B) Did NOT file a joint tax return.**

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