2027-2028 Independent Verification Worksheet V5

Your 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 reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information, the financial aid administrator at Methodist University 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 must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents and submit the form and other required documents to Office of Financial Aid. The financial aid administrator may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact Office of Financial Aid as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

Independent Student's Information

Last Name First Name M.I. Student ID #

Street Address (include apt. no.) Date of Birth

City State Zip Code Email Address

Home Phone Number (include area code) Alternate or Cell Phone Number

A. Independent Student's Family Information- List below the people in **your household**.

You must include yourself and your spouse, if you are married, your and spouse's children, if any, if you provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028. Include children who meet either of these standards, even if they do not live with you. Other people if they now live with you and you provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2028. Include the name of the college for any household member, who will be enrolled, at least half time in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at an eligible postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2027 a June 30, 2028. If more space is needed, attach a separate page with the student's name and ID at the top.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College (Enrolled at least half-time)
Missy Jones (example)	*18*	*SELF*	*Methodist University*

Section B: Student's Tax Information (Print Clearly)

*Select either 1, 2, 3, or 4 and follow the directions.

1. ___I (student)did file a 2025 Federal (IRS) Tax Return.

Did you use the IRS Data Direct Exchange to transfer your tax data directly from the IRS to the 2027-2028 FAFSA?

- Yes. (nothing else needed)
- No. (please submit one of the following)
  - A SIGNED copy of your 2025 Federal IRS Tax Return (1040) or
  - A copy of 2025 Federal Tax Return Transcript or
  - Update your FAFSA and use the Federal IRS Data Direct Exchange.

2. ___ I (student) did not file a 2025 Federal Tax Return but did earn income in 2025: however, I was not required to file a tax return.

- List all your employers, sources, and resources that supported you for 2025 and what you earned in the table below. Submit all W2 worksheets for each employer with this worksheet. *Sign and date below the table.

Employer/Sources/Resources in 2025	Amounts Earned in 2025

*Required Signature (student) _____ Date: _____

3. ___ I (student) was not employed in 2025 and had no income earned from work in 2025.

Required Signature (student) _____ Date: _____

4. ___None of these apply to me. Explanation:

_____

_____

Section C: Spouses Tax Information (Print Clearly) (Only complete this section if the student is married.)

*Select either 1, 2, 3, or 4 and follow the directions below each.

1. ___ I (spouse) did file a 2025 Federal (IRS) Tax Return.

- Did you use the IRS Data Direct Exchange to transfer your tax data directly from the IRS to the 2027-2028 FAFSA?
- Yes. (nothing else needed)
- No. (please submit one of the following)
  - A SIGNED copy of your 2025 Federal IRS Tax Return (1040) or
  - A copy of 2025 Federal Tax Return Transcript or
  - Update the students FAFSA and use the Federal IRS Data Direct Exchange.

2. ___I (spouse) did not file a 2025 Federal Tax Return but did earn income in 2025: however, I was not required to file a tax return.

- List all your employers, sources, and resources that supported you for 2025 and what you earned in the table below. Submit all W2 worksheets for each employer with this worksheet. *Sign and date below the table.

Employer/Sources/Resources in 2025	Amounts Earned in 2025

*Required Signature (spouse) _____ Date: _____

3. ___I (spouse) was not employed in 2025 and had no income earned from work in 2025.

Required Signature (spouse) _____ Date: _____

4. None of these apply to me. Explanation:

_____

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Section D: The Statement of Identity (Signing w/ MU)

- The student must appear in person at Methodist University to verify his or her identity by presenting an unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport. The institution will maintain a copy of the student's photo ID that is annotated by the institution with the date it was received and reviewed, and the name of the official at the institution authorized to receive and review the student's ID.

As the authorizing official for Methodist University, the above-named student's signature and Identification were received and reviewed in my presence. A copy of unexpired valid government – issued photo ID is on file in the Office of Financial Aid.

MU Authorizing Officials Signature: _____Date: _____

Type of Unexpired Government ID Presented: _____

Section E: The Statement of Identity (Signing w/ Notary)

- If the student is unable to appear in person at Methodist University to verify his or her identity, the student must provide MU:
    - A copy of the unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID) that is acknowledged in the notary statement below, or that is presented to a notary, such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport: and

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of: _____

City/County of_____

_____(signer's printed name) personally appeared before me, _____(notary's name) on_____(date) and proved to me on basis of satisfactory evidence of identification _____(type of unexpired government-issued photo ID provided) to be the above-named person who signed the forgoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal: _____

My commission expires on: _____

Official Seal

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