



**University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Office of Student Financial Aid
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2023–2024 Independent Verification Worksheet

Your 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for a process called verification. Before awarding Federal Student Aid, the Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) will ask you to confirm the information you and your spouse reported on the FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information, we will compare your FAFSA data with the information on this worksheet and/or any other required documents. If there are discrepancies, your FAFSA information will need to be corrected. You and your spouse, whose information was reported on the FAFSA, must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to the OSFA within 10 Business Days of Notification. Please note that we may request additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact the OSFA at financialaid@umes.edu as soon as possible so that your financial aid awards will not be delayed.

A. Independent Student’s Information

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	UMES 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

B. Independent Student’s Family Information

1. In the spaces below, list the names, ages, and relationships (to you) of the people in your household. Include:
 - Yourself.
 - Your spouse, (if you are married).
 - Your and your spouse’s children, if you or spouse will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, even if they do not live with you and spouse.
 - Other people if they now live with you and spouse and you or spouse provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2024.
2. List below any person who will be enrolled at least half-time in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at a postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 and indicate the name of the college.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Will be Enrolled at Least Half-Time
		Yourself	UMES	

Note: We may require additional documentation if we have reason to believe that the information regarding the household members enrolled in eligible postsecondary educational institutions is inaccurate.

C. Independent Student's Income Information to Be Verified.

The instructions and certifications below apply to you and your spouse (if married).

Only Check one (1) box that applies :

- 1) I and/or my spouse have filed a 2021 tax return. (Please check option (a) or (b) below:)
- a. I/we have successfully used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) to transfer my/our tax information to my FAFSA. (*Note: If you & spouse have filed separate 2021 Tax Returns, the IRS DRT cannot be used-please check option (b).)
- b. I/we need to request a copy(ies) of my/our 2021 Tax Return Transcript(s) by visiting the IRS' Website at <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript> and provide a copy(ies) to the office of Student Financial Aid upon receipt.
- 2) I and/or my spouse were not employed, did not earn income from work in 2021, and did not file a 2021 Tax Return.
- 3) I and/or my spouse were employed, but did not file a 2021 tax return. Listed below are my and/or spouse's employer(s) and gross amount(s) earned. I have attached a copy(ies) of my/our 2021 Wage and Tax Statement(s) (Form W-2) or have submitted (or will submit) a copy(ies) separately. If necessary, attach a separate page(s) and include student's name and UMES ID# at top of each page.

******IMPORTANT****: Only complete the following section if you selected option 3**

Employer's Name	Amount Earned in 2021	W-2 or IRS Wage Transcript Attached?
<i>Suzy's Auto Body Shop (example)</i>	<i>\$2,000.00(example)</i>	<i>Yes(example)</i>
	\$	
	\$	
Total Amount of Income Earned from Work	\$	

D. Please provide documentation from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2022 that indicates a 2021 IRS Income Tax Return was not filed with the IRS or other relevant tax authority, or a signed statement certifying that the individual attempted to obtain confirmation of Non-Filing from the IRS or other relevant tax authority and was unable to obtain the required documentation.

Check here if confirmation of Non-Filing or a signed statement is attached.

Check here if confirmation of Non-Filing or a signed statement will be provided at a later date: (Expected Date: _____).

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

E. Certification and Signatures:

Each person whose information was reported on the 2023-2024 FAFSA must sign and date this form. By signing below certifies that all of the information is complete and correct.

Print Student's Name _____

UMES ID# _____

Student's Signature (Required) _____

Date _____

Spouse's Signature (Optional) _____

Date _____