

## 2025-2026 INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION WORKSHEET

Your FAFSA was selected for review by the U.S. Dept. of Education in a process called "Verification." Ashland University is required by federal regulations (34 CFR, Part 668) to verify that the data reported on your FAFSA is accurate before federal aid can be processed.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Documentation:** Complete this verification worksheet and submit along with the documentation requested in Section 3. The worksheet must be signed. Follow the instructions for tax information very carefully.
- **Deadline:** Documentation must be completed, signed, and submitted within **three weeks** of receipt of this notice.
- **Consequences for Failure to Submit Documentation:** Federal need-based grants, loans, and work study may be canceled entirely if Verification is not complete. You are responsible for any interest that accrues to your student account due to a delay in submitting documentation.
- **Notification of Offer Changes:** If there are differences between your FAFSA information and the information collected through Verification, the Financial Aid Office will electronically correct your FAFSA and notify you of any necessary adjustments to your financial aid offer letter. You will also receive a corrected FAFSA Submission Summary from the government.

**RETURN ORIGINAL DOCUMENTATION TO:**  
 Ashland University Financial Aid Office  
SCAN THIS FORM AND ALL DOCUMENTATION TO PDF  
 THEN UPLOAD TO OUR SECURE DROPBOX AT  
<https://ashlandcentral.etrive.cloud/#/form/204>

SECTION 1: STUDENT INFORMATION				
Last Name	First Name	M.I.	AU ID#	Phone #
Address (include Apt #)	City	State	Zip	

SECTION 2: FAMILY SIZE INFORMATION			
List the people in your family size, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>You (the student) and your spouse</b>, if you are married.</li> <li><b>Your dependent children</b> if they live with you (or live apart because of college enrollment) and you provide more than half of their financial support and will continue to do so from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.</li> <li><b>Other people</b> if they currently live with you, and you provide more than half of their financial support and will continue to do so from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.</li> </ul>			
Full Name	Age	Relationship to Student	Name of College Attending <i>at least half-time between 7/1/25 – 6/30/26</i>
		Self	Ashland University

### SECTION 3: TAX AND EARNINGS INFORMATION

Complete Box A if you filed a 2023 federal tax return; Complete Box B if you did not file

#### A. TAX FILER INCOME VERIFICATION

Tax filers who cannot transfer their Federal Tax Information via the FA-DDX must submit a signed copy of their 2023 Federal Tax Return.

##### STUDENT

I filed a 2023 IRS Tax Return, and (choose one)

- I used the **FA-DDX** on the FAFSA
- I'm providing a **signed** copy of my **2023 Federal Tax Return or equivalent** because I was not able to use the FA-DDX on the FAFSA.

##### SPOUSE

I filed a 2023 IRS Tax Return, and (choose one)

- I used the **FA-DDX** on the FAFSA
- I'm providing a **signed** copy of my **2023 Federal Tax Return or equivalent** because I was not able to use the FA-DDX on the FAFSA.

**NOTE:** If married but filed taxes separately, both student's and spouse's returns are required.

#### B. NON-TAX FILER INCOME VERIFICATION

Non-tax filers who earned income must submit 2023 W-2s from all employers. A Verification of Non-Filing letter is only required when verifying income earned from work for a non-tax filer who would file a tax return with a tax authority other than the IRS.

##### STUDENT

I did not file a 2023 IRS Tax Return because:

- I worked in the United States in 2023, but was not required to file a 2023 Federal Tax Return.

*Instructions: Complete the table below and attach W2's*

- I worked in a foreign nation in 2023, but was not required to file a 2023 tax return.

*Instructions: Complete the table below, attach W-2 equivalents and verification of non-filing letter from relevant tax authority.*

- (U.S. residing) I did not work in 2023 and did not file a 2022 Federal Tax Return.

- (Foreign residing) I did not work in 2023 and did not file a 2023 tax return.

*Instructions: Attach verification of non-filing letter from relevant tax authority.*

- I do not have a SSN, ITIN, or EIN.

##### SPOUSE

I did not file a 2023 IRS Tax Return because:

- I worked in the United States in 2023, but was not required to file a 2023 Federal Tax Return.

*Instructions: Complete the table below and attach W2's*

- I worked in a foreign nation in 2023, but was not required to file a 2023 tax return.

*Instructions: Complete the table below, attach W-2 equivalents and verification of non-filing letter from relevant tax authority.*

- (U.S. residing) I did not work in 2023 and did not file a 2022 Federal Tax Return.

- (Foreign residing) I did not work in 2023 and did not file a 2023 tax return.

*Instructions: Attach verification of non-filing letter from relevant tax authority.*

- I do not have a SSN, ITIN, or EIN.

Name	Employer/Source of Income	2023 Income Earned	W-2 Provided	IRS Non-Filing Letter Provided
Student:		\$	Yes / No	Yes / No
Spouse:		\$	Yes / No	Yes / No

#### CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES

I certify that all of the information reported with this verification worksheet is complete and correct. I understand Ashland University is obligated to report cases of misrepresentation on this worksheet to the Office of the Inspector General.

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Student Signature

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse Signature

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Date