

2025-2026 INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION WORKSHEET

Your 2025-2026 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) was selected for review in a process called verification. Before awarding Federal Student Aid, you must confirm the information you and your spouse, (if applicable) reported on the FAFSA. Please complete and sign this worksheet. You may be asked for additional information, which should be promptly submitted to avoid a delay in processing your financial aid.

STEP 1- STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	Studer	nt Identification Number
Permanent Address – Street		City/State Zip	Date of Birth
Telephone Number (include Al	rea Code)	Email	

STEP 2- FAMILY INFORMATION

Our records show you completed the FAFSA as an **Independent Student**. Please complete the section below and include:

- Yourself; <u>and</u> your spouse if married.
- Your dependent children, **if** you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
- 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 their support through June 30, 2026.

Full Name	Age	Relationship
		Self

Attach a separate sheet if not enough space



STEP 3- STUDENT/SPOUSE INCOME INFORMATION- CALENDAR YEAR 2023

Tax Return Filer: The best way to verify income is by using the Future Act Direct Data Exchange (FA-DDX).

I have utilized the FA-DDX when completing the FAFSA and have not changed the data

I did not or was unable to utilize the FA-DDX. I am submitting a copy of **the IRS 2023 Federal Tax Return Transcript or a <u>signed</u> copy of the 2023 Federal Tax Return and Schedules 1,2, and 3 (if applicable).**

Non-Tax Return Filer: If you or your spouse were not required to file a 2023 Federal Income Tax Return, complete the section below and submit a confirmation of non-filing from <u>www.irs.gov.</u>

The student and spouse were not employed and had no income earned from work in 2023.

The student and/or spouse were employed in 2023 and were **<u>not required</u>** to file a 2023 income tax return. Complete the table below and attach copies of all 2023 W-2 forms.

Source of Income (Fill out only if you did NOT file taxes)	IRS W-2's provided	Amount Earned in 2023
TOTAL		

STEP 4- CERTIFICATION: By signing this worksheet, I certify all information reported is complete and correct:

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

Student Signature

Date

Student Name (Please Print)

Spouse's Signature (**If student is married**)

Date

Spouse Name (Please Print)



INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING REQUIRED INCOME TAX INFORMATION

Steps 3 of the Independent Verification Worksheet requests information about the student (and spouse) 2023 Federal Tax Return data. To provide this to Johnson C. Smith University you will need to consent to the use of the FUTURE Act Direct Data Exchange (FA-DDX) tool, formerly the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, on the FAFSA **OR** request a 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript from IRS **OR** submit a physically signed copy of your 2023 Federal 1040 Tax Return and schedules 1, 2, 3 (if applicable). Student's (and spouse) that did not file a 2023 Federal Tax Return must provide a Verification of Non-Filing Letter from the IRS and copies of all W2's (if applicable). Student's (and spouse) that did not file a 2023 Federal Tax Return must provide a spouse) that did not file a 2023 Federal Tax Return's (and spouse) that did not file a 2023 Federal Tax Return's (and spouse) that did not file a 2023 Federal Tax Return's (and spouse) that did not file a 2023 Federal Tax Return's (and spouse) that did not file a 2023 Federal Tax Return's (and spouse) that did not file a 2023 Federal Tax Return must provide copies of all W2's (if applicable). Below you will find directions on how to consent to the use of the FUTURE Act Direct Data Exchange tool, and how to request an IRS Tax Transcript or Verification of Non-Filing Letter.

Using the FUTURE Act Direct Data Exchange tool

Student – Access your FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov and log into your account. Once logged in, click on the option to "Make FAFSA Corrections" (this will take you to your completed FAFSA information). In your FAFSA you consented to have your Federal Tax Information (FTI) obtained automatically from the IRS and provided on your FAFSA application. If your 2023 Federal Taxes were filed and your information was retrieved, then you were not asked to manually provide FTI data and can mark the first option in Step 3 above.

Spouse – Access your parent invite from your personal email address and click 'Log In' to access the parent contributor section of your student's FAFSA. In your parent contributor section of your student's FAFSA. In your parent contributor section of your students FAFSA you consented to have your Federal Tax Information (FTI) obtained automatically from the IRS and provided on your student's FAFSA application. If your 2023 Federal Taxes were filed and your information was retrieved, then you were not asked to manually provide FTI data and can mark the first option in Step 4 above.

Requesting an IRS Tax Return Transcript

To obtain a 2023 Tax Return Transcript go to www.irs.gov and click "Get Your Tax Record". Then choose "Get Transcript Online" or "Get Transcript by Mail". To verify your identity with ID.me, you will need to provide a photo of an identity document such as a driver's license, state ID, or passport. You will also need to take a selfie with a smartphone or a computer with a webcam. The transcript displays online upon successful completion of the IRS's two-step authentication. Requests can also be made by telephone at (800) 908-9946 or by completing a 4506-T that can be mailed or faxed to the IRS. If you already have an account established, you can log in to access your Tax Return Transcript. Please be sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and NOT "IRS Account Transcript". The transcripts requested by "Get Transcript by Mail", Phone and 4506-T are generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of your request.

Verification of Non-Filing Letter

To obtain a 2023 Verification of Non-filing letter go to www.irs.gov and click "Get Your Tax Record". Then choose "Get Transcript Online" or "Get Transcript by Mail". To verify your identity with ID.me, you will need to provide a photo of an identity document such as a driver's license, state ID, or passport. You will also need to take a selfie with a smartphone or a computer with a webcam. The transcript displays online upon successful completion of the IRS's two-step authentication. If you already have an account established, you can log in to access a Verification of Non-filing letter. Requests can be made by completing a 4506-T that can be mailed or faxed to the IRS. Verification of Non-filing letters requested by 4506-T are generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of your request