

Student ID # _____

2015-2016 V4 Independent Verification Worksheet

Your 2015–2016 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, we will compare your FAFSA with the information on this institutional verification document and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You and a parent whose information was reported on the FAFSA must complete and sign this institutional verification document, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to us. We may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact us as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

A. Student's Information

Student's Last Name First Name M.I.

Student's Social Security Number

Student's Street Address (include apt. no.)

Student's Date of Birth

City State Zip Code

Student's Email Address

Student's Home Phone Number (include area code)

Student's Alternate or Cell Phone Number

B. High School Completion Status

Provide one of the following documents that indicate the student's high school completion status when the student will begin college in 2015–2016. Please indicate which item you have provided:

- A copy of the student's high school diploma.
- A copy of the student's final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
- A state certificate or transcript received by the student after the student passed a state-authorized examination (GED test, HiSET, TASC, or other state-authorized examination) that the state recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma.
- An academic transcript that indicates the student successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree.
- If state law requires a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
- If state law does not require a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a transcript or the equivalent, signed by the student's parent or guardian, that lists the secondary school courses the student completed and documents the successful completion of a secondary school education in a homeschool setting.
- If the student is unable to obtain the documentation listed above please indicate here and contact the financial aid office.

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C. Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose *(To Be Signed at the Institution OR in the Presence of a Notary)*

The student must appear in person at Athens State University to verify his or her identity by presenting a 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 with the date it was received and the name of the official at the institution authorized to collect the student’s ID. In addition, the student must sign, in the presence of the institutional official, the Statement of Educational Purpose found below.

OR If the student is unable to appear in person at Athens State University to verify his or her identity, the student must provide:

- (a) A copy of the 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
- (b) The original Statement of Educational Purpose, which is provided below, must be notarized. If the notary statement appears on a separate page than the Statement of Education Purpose, there must be a clear indication that the Statement of Educational Purpose was the document notarized.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I, _____, am the individual signing this Statement of Educational Purpose and that the federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending Athens State University for 2016-2016.

(Student’s Signature)

(Date)

(Student’s Social Security Number)

Notary’s Certificate of Acknowledgement

To be used ONLY if student is not able to appear on campus

State of _____

City/County of _____

On _____, before me, _____
(Date) (Notary’s name)

Personally appeared, _____, and proved to me
(Printed name of signer)

on basis of satisfactory evidence of identification _____
(Type of government-issued photo ID provided)

To be the above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal:

(Notary Signature)

My commission expires on _____
(Date)

D. SNAP Benefit Verification

Complete this section if a member of the student’s household received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) sometime during 2013 or 2014. SNAP may be known by another name in some states. For assistance in determining the name used in a state, please call 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

The student’s household includes:

- The student.
- The student’s spouse, if the student is married.
- The student’s or spouse’s children if the student or spouse will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, even if the children do not live with the student.
- Other people if they now live with the student and the student or spouse provides more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2016.

Check here if one of the persons listed in Section B of this worksheet received SNAP benefits in 2013 or 2014. If asked by my school, I will provide documentation of the receipt of SNAP benefits during 2013 and/or 2014.

Note: If we have reason to believe that the information regarding the receipt of SNAP benefits is inaccurate, we may require documentation from the agency that issued the SNAP benefits in 2013 or 2014.

E. Child Support Verification

Complete this section if the student or spouse, who is a member of the student’s household, paid child support in 2014. List below the names of the persons who paid the child support, the names of the persons to whom the child support was paid, the names and ages of the children for whom the child support was paid, and the total annual amount of child support that was paid in 2014 for each child.

If more space is needed, provide a separate page that includes the student’s name and ID number at the top.

Name of Person Who Paid Child Support	Name of Person to Whom Child Support was Paid	Name and age of Child for Whom Support Was Paid	Amount of Child Support Paid in 2014

Note: If we have reason to believe that the information regarding child support paid is not accurate, we may require additional documentation.

F. Certification and Signature

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

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

Student’s Signature (Required)

Date

Spouse’s Signature (Optional)

Date

Do not mail this worksheet to the U.S. Department of Education. Submit this worksheet to the financial aid administrator at your school. You should make a copy of this worksheet for your records.



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