

2025-2026 Independent Verification Form for V5

Where to submit this form: You can only submit this form using our [Document Upload Form](#)

How to check your status online: Go to your [Financial Aid Portal](#)

Student Information

Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	ctcLink ID Number
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Verification Information

- We are required to review your FAFSA information under financial aid program rules (34 CFR, Part 668). These rules state we have the right to ask you for this information before awarding federal aid.
- If there are differences between your application information and your documentation, corrections to your FAFSA will be required and may delay the determination of your eligibility.

Family Size

- List yourself
- Your spouse (if married)
- Your dependent children if the following are true:
  - They live with the student (or live apart because of college enrollment);
  - They receive more than half of their support from the student; **and**,
  - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year.
- Other persons if the following are true:
  - They live with the student;
  - They receive more than half of their support from the student; **and**
  - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year.

The provided criteria for "dependent children" or "other persons" align with the requirement that family size align with whom the student could claim as a dependent on a U.S. tax return if the student were to file a U.S tax return at the time of completing the 2025-2026 FAFSA.

Full Name	Age	Relationship
1.		Self
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☐ Check here if attaching a page with additional members in your household.

## Tax and Income Information

**Requesting tax documents:** You can obtain a Tax Return Transcript or Verification of Non-filing Letter from the [IRS online](#).

**\* Note:** A Tax Return Transcript is NOT the same as a standard tax return form (e.g. Form 1040).

If the student was not married in 2023 but is married when the FAFSA is submitted, spouse tax documents are required and the spouse will need to sign this form.

### 1. Student (and spouse) filed taxes in 2023

☐ **I was married in 2023, filed married joint and used Federal Tax Information (FTI).**

· No additional documents needed at this time

☐ **2023 income tax return information for the student (or spouse, if applicable) was not available or could not be used, I am attaching:**

o 2023 Tax Return Transcript [IRS online](#) **or**

o *If unable to request a tax return transcript from the IRS, a signed copy of the 2023 - 1040 with Schedule 1, 2, & 3 (Education Credits) (in black pen) **or***

o *If filed, a signed copy of the Amended 2023 tax return*

☐ **I was not married in 2023 but was married when the FAFSA was submitted. I am attaching:**

o 2023 Tax Return Transcript for both **student and spouse** [IRS online](#)

o *If unable to request a tax return transcript from the IRS, a signed copy of the 2023 - 1040 with Schedule 1, 2, & 3 (Education Credits) (in black pen)*

o *If filed, a signed copy of the Amended 2023 tax return*

### 2. Student (and or spouse) did not file US taxes 2023

☐ **Student and/or spouse had no earnings in 2023.**

· Submit a "Verification of Nonfiling (VNF) Letter from the IRS dated on or after October, 2023 for both student and spouse

☐ **Student and/or spouse had earnings and was not required to file taxes in 2023–** Attach the required document(s) below:

· Submit a "Verification of Nonfiling (VNF) Letter from the IRS dated on or after October, 2023 and

· All 2023 W-2(s) or if no W2 were received list sources and amount of income earned in 2023 below

Employer's Name	Earned by student	IRS W2 or Statement submitted	Annual Amount earned in 2023
		Student Total	\$

Employer's Name	Earned by spouse	IRS W2 or Statement submitted	Annual Amount earned in 2023
		Spouse Total	\$

### 3. Foreign income in 2023 (if applicable)

**If you or your spouse earned foreign income in 2023, provide the requested information below. Otherwise skip to next section.**

1. Did you or your spouse earn foreign income in 2023?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. Who earned foreign income in 2023 (select all that apply)? ☐ Student ☐ Spouse

3. Country Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Amount Earned in US Dollars: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. Attach a copy of the 2023 foreign tax return

☐ I have attached a copy of my 2023 foreign tax return

**\* Note:** If you are unable to provide a foreign tax return due to this country's taxing authority not providing such documentation or it does not have a taxing authority, you must attach a signed and dated statement indicating this circumstance. Additional documentation may be requested.

### Certifications and Signatures

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct. The student and spouse whose information was reported on the FAFSA must sign and date.

**WARNING:** If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Statement of Educational Purpose

**Where to submit this form:** You must appear in person and sign this page at the Financial Aid Office. **How to check your status online:** Go to your [Financial Aid](#)

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Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose - *\*Must be signed at the institution \**

The student must appear in person at **Highline College** 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.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I \_\_\_\_\_ am the individual signing (Print Student's Name) 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 **Highline College** for 2025–2026.

_____	_____
(Student's Signature)	(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's ID Number)

Staff use only

☐ Financial Aid staff signature \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Attach a copy of ID