

2025-2026 Verification Worksheet - Independent Student

Your 2025-2026 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 the financial aid administrator at California Institute of the Arts will compare your FAFSA with the information on this worksheet and with any other required documents. If there are differences your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents and submit the form and other required documents to the Financial Aid Office. The financial aid administrator may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification contact the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

A. Independent Student Information

Student Last Name	Student First Name	Student M.I.	Student ID #
Student Street Address (include Apt No. if applicable)			Student Date of Birth
City	State	Zip Code	Student Email Address
Student Home Phone Number (include area code)			Student Alternate or Cell Phone Number

B. Independent Student Family Information List all people in your household below, including:

- Yourself
- Your spouse, if you are married
- Your children (if any) if they live with you (or live apart because of college enrollment), and 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 of their support through June 30, 2026.

Full Name	Age	Relationship To Student
		<i>Self</i>

C. Independent Student Income Information to Be Verified

- TAX RETURN FILER** – Complete this section if the student (and/or spouse, if married) filed or will file a 2023 income tax return with the IRS. As part of federal student aid eligibility, students and spouses are required to consent and approve sharing and importing income and tax information from the IRS to the FAFSA form, even if the attempt to use such data is ineffective. If the student and spouse filed separate IRS income tax returns, both must provide consent.

My (the student’s) and my spouse’s (if married) income and tax information was imported from the IRS when completing the 2025-26 FAFSA. (Skip to Section D.)

-OR-

My (the student’s) and/or my spouse’s (if married) income and tax information was not available or could not be used when completing the 2025-26 FAFSA. I will submit to the school a **2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript** (not a photocopy of the return) and acknowledge that verification cannot be completed until IRS Tax Transcript has been received by the school.

To obtain an IRS Tax Return Transcript, go to www.irs.gov, click “Get Your Tax Record” then click “Get Transcript Online”, or call (800) 908-9946. Be sure to request the ‘Return Transcript’ not the ‘Account Transcript.’ It typically takes a few weeks for IRS tax information to become available.

STOP! If Section C1.- TAX RETURN FILER- is completed for the student/spouse, you may **SKIP TO SECTION D.**

2. **TAX RETURN NON-FILER** –The student (and/or spouse, if married) will not file and is not required to file 2023 income tax return with IRS.

I, the student, (and/or spouse, if married) was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2023.

-OR-

I, the student, (and/or spouse, if married) was employed in 2023 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2023, and whether or not an IRS W-2 form is attached.

**Please attach copies of all 2023 IRS W-2 forms issued to the student by employer(s).*

Employer Name	2023 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 Attached?
<i>Suzy's Auto Body Shop (example ONLY)</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>	<i>Yes</i>

D. Certification and Signature I certify that all of the information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct, and I have provided all required signatures below. *If student is married, the spouse's signature is considered optional.*

Student Signature

Date

Spouse Signature(s)

Date

Please submit the completed worksheet to the CalArts Financial Aid Office using our Missing Documents Upload Form at https://calarts.formstack.com/forms/missing_documents.