All About Verification

Great job on submitting your FAFSA! Now that you've been selected for verification, here's everything you need to know about the process.

What is verification?

★ Verification is a routine process to ensure the information reported on financial aid applications such as the FAFSA is correct.

★ Many students are required to complete verification every year. If you've been selected for verification, it doesn't mean you did something wrong.

★ The process usually involves completing one or more forms and providing copies of certain documents from you (and your parents, if applicable) to your school(s).

★ Your financial aid funds won't go through until you've completed the verification process!

How can you get ready?

★ Keep an eye on your mail, email, and college portal—most schools will send requests for verification documents this way.

★ If you reported one or both of your parents on your FAFSA, let them know they may need to submit additional documentation to schools, upon request.

★ If you (or your parents) filed taxes, the verification process will be easier and quicker if you use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool on your FAFSA.

★ Some private schools that require the CSS Profile may also require a type of institutional verification called IDOC. To find out if any of your schools require IDOC, go to https://idoc.collegeboard.org.

★ Start collecting the documents you may need to provide. Do not submit any documents until requested by your school(s)!

What documents might you need to provide?

★ IRS Tax Return Transcripts for you (and your parents, if applicable)—you can request Tax Return Transcripts for free at https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript.

★ Copies of federal tax returns and W-2 forms for you (and your parents, if applicable)

★ IRS Verification of Non-Filing Letter if you (or your parents) did not file taxes

★ Proof of your citizenship or residency status, such as a U.S. passport, Certificate of Naturalization, or Permanent Resident Card

★ Documentation that proves your independence if you answered 'yes' to any of the dependency questions on the FAFSA

★ Any other documents requested by the schools you have applied to

2020-2021 **Dependent** Verification Worksheet

Your 2020-2021 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 must confirm the information you reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information BHCC will compare your FAFSA with the information on this worksheet and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information will be corrected. You must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to Student Central.

Dependent Student's Information

_____   _____   _____   _____
Student's Last Name   Student's First Name   Student's M.I.   Student's ID 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

Dependent Student's Family Information
Please list below the people in your household. Don't forget to include:
- <u>Yourself and your parent(s)</u> (including a stepparent) even if you don't live with your parent(s).
- <u>Your parent(s)' other children</u> if your parent(s) will provide more than half of their support from October 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, or if the other children would be required to provide parental information if they were completing a FAFSA for 2020-2021. Include children who meet either of these standards, even if they do not live with your parent(s).
- <u>Other people</u> if they now live with your parent(s) and your parent(s) provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2021.

Track your progress on verification forms here!

<u>College</u>	<u>Verification forms submitted?</u>
1. _____	☐
2. _____	☐
3. _____	☐
4. _____	☐
5. _____	☐
6. _____	☐
7. _____	☐
8. _____	☐