



## Frequently Asked 2021-2022 Verification Questions

The U.S. Department of Education selects approximately 30% of students who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for verification. Verification does not mean that you did something wrong – it is a process in which we must collect documentation from you to verify that the data reported on the FAFSA was entered accurately. This document will answer frequently asked questions regarding verification.

1. How do I know what documents I must submit to complete verification?
  - a. Students selected for verification will receive notification from the Department of Education on their Student Aid Report that they have been selected for verification, and then the UW-W Financial Aid Office will send the student a letter or an email listing the documents we need to collect. In addition, the required documents will appear on the To Do List in WINS.
2. How do I submit the verification documents to the UW-Whitewater Financial Aid Office?
  - a. Documents can be faxed to us at (262) 472-5655, be dropped off in person in Room 130 of Hyer Hall, or mailed to us at the following address:  
UW-Whitewater  
Financial Aid Office, Hyer Hall 130  
800 West Main Street  
Whitewater, WI 53190
  - b. We do not recommend submitting documents via email if those documents contain personal information (social security number, date of birth).
3. Why am I being asked for 2019 tax information?
  - a. The 2021-2022 uses 2019 tax information according to federal regulations.
4. How do I obtain a tax transcript?
  - a. **Get Transcript by Mail** – Go to <https://www.irs.gov/>, click "Get Your Tax Record." Click "Get Transcript by Mail." Make sure to request the "Return Transcript" and NOT the "Account Transcript." The transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the online request. Once you receive it from the IRS, you will need to send a copy to the UW-W Financial Aid Office.
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  - c. **Automated Telephone Request** – 1-800-908-9946. Transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the telephone request. Once you receive it from the IRS, you will need to send a copy to the UW-W Financial Aid Office.
  - d. **Paper Request Form** – IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T. You can obtain these forms from the IRS website, and mail or fax them to the IRS after completing them. The transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the paper request form. Once you receive it from the IRS, you will need to send a copy to the UW-W Financial Aid Office.



5. Is there an alternative to sending in the tax transcript?

- a. There are two alternatives. You can (1) log back into your FAFSA and use the IRS Data Retrieval to import your tax information directly from the IRS or you can (2) submit a **signed** copy of your **federal** tax return. As most tax filers do not sign the copy to keep, be sure to sign the second page of the federal 1040 prior to submitting it, however.

Form 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return 2019

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**Filing Status**  
 Single  Married filing jointly  Married filing separately (MFS)  Head of household (HOH)  Qualifying widow(er) (QW)  
 Check only one box. If you checked the MFS box, enter the name of spouse. If you checked the HOH or QW box, enter the child's name if the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent.

Your first name and middle initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your social security number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 If joint return, spouse's first name and middle initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's social security number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see instructions. Apt. no. \_\_\_\_\_ Presidential Election Campaign  
 Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund. Checking a box below will not change your tax or refund.  You  Spouse

City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. If you have a foreign address, also complete spaces below (see instructions).

Foreign country name: \_\_\_\_\_ Foreign province/state/country: \_\_\_\_\_ Foreign postal code: \_\_\_\_\_ If more than four dependents, see instructions and ✓ here ▶

**Standard Deduction** Someone can claim:  You as a dependent  Your spouse as a dependent  
 Spouse itemizes on a separate return or you were a dual-status alien

**Age/Blindness** You:  Were born before January 2, 1955  Are blind  Spouse:  Was born before January 2, 1955  Is blind

**Dependents** (see instructions):  
 (1) First name Last name (2) Social security number (3) Relationship to you (4) ✓ if qualifies for (see instructions):  
 Child tax credit Credit for other dependents

**1** Wages, salaries, tips, etc. Attach Form(s) W-2  
**2a** Tax-exempt interest  
**3a** Qualified dividends  
**4a** IRA distributions  
**5a** Pensions and annuities  
**6a** Social security benefits  
**7a** Capital gain or (loss). Attach Schedule D if required. If not required, check here  
**8a** Other income from Schedule 1, line 9  
**9a** Add lines 1, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6, and 7a. This is your **total income**  
**10a** Adjustments to income from Schedule 1, line 22  
**11a** Subtract line 8a from line 7b. This is your **adjusted gross income**  
**12a** Standard deduction or itemized deductions (from Schedule A)  
**13a** Qualified business income deduction. Attach Form 8995 or Form 8995-A  
**14a** Add lines 9 and 10  
**15a** Taxable income. Subtract line 14a from line 13b. If zero or less, enter -0-

**2b** Taxable interest. Attach Sch. B if required  
**3b** Ordinary dividends. Attach Sch. B if required  
**4b** Taxable amount  
**5b** Taxable amount  
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**21a** Taxable amount  
**21b** Taxable amount

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**12a** Tax (see inst.) Check if any from Form(s): 1  8814 2  4972 3  **12a** \_\_\_\_\_ **12b** \_\_\_\_\_  
**b** Add Schedule 2, line 3, and line 12a and enter the total

**13a** Child tax credit or credit for other dependents **13a** \_\_\_\_\_ **13b** \_\_\_\_\_  
**b** Add Schedule 3, line 7, and line 13a and enter the total

**14** Subtract line 13b from line 12b. If zero or less, enter -0- **14** \_\_\_\_\_  
**15** Other taxes, including self-employment tax, from Schedule 2, line 10 **15** \_\_\_\_\_

**16** Add lines 14 and 15. This is your **total tax** **16** \_\_\_\_\_  
**17** Federal income tax withheld from Forms W-2 and 1099 **17** \_\_\_\_\_

**18** Other payments and refundable credits:  
**a** Earned income credit (EIC) **18a** \_\_\_\_\_  
**b** Additional child tax credit. Attach Schedule 8812 **18b** \_\_\_\_\_  
**c** American opportunity credit from Form 8863, line 8 **18c** \_\_\_\_\_  
**d** Schedule 3, line 14 **18d** \_\_\_\_\_  
**e** Add lines 18a through 18d. These are your **total other payments and refundable credits** **18e** \_\_\_\_\_

**19** Add lines 17 and 18e. These are your **total payments** **19** \_\_\_\_\_

**20** If line 19 is more than line 16, subtract line 16 from line 19. This is the amount you overpaid **20** \_\_\_\_\_

**21a** Amount of line 20 you want refunded to you. If Form 8888 is attached, check here **21a** \_\_\_\_\_

**Refund**  
 Direct deposit?  See instructions.  
**21b** Routing number \_\_\_\_\_  
**22** Account number \_\_\_\_\_  
**22** Amount of line 20 you want applied to you \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount You Owe**  
**23** Amount you owe. Subtract line 19 from line 20 **23** \_\_\_\_\_  
**24** Estimated tax penalty (see instructions) **24** \_\_\_\_\_

**Third Party Designee**  
 Do you want to allow another person (other than you) to receive notices and correspondence from the IRS on your behalf?  Yes  No

Designee's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Personal identification number (PIN): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Your occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign Here**  
 Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have prepared this return and accompanying schedules and statements to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Paid Preparer Use Only**  
 Preparer's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preparer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ PTIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Firm's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Firm's address: \_\_\_\_\_ Firm's EIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Go to www.irs.gov/Form1040 for instructions and the latest information. Form 1040 (2019)

The 2019 tax return must be signed by one tax preparer here:

6. How do I obtain a verification of non-filing letter from the IRS?

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- c. **Paper Request Form** – To order this by mail, complete Form 4506-T, which can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-4506-t>. Complete steps 1-4, check the box in #7, Verification of Non-filing and in #9, use 12/31/2019 as the date for 2021-2022 verification materials. Mail or fax to the location identified on page 2 of the form based on your state of residence. Once you receive the Non-filing letter from the IRS, please submit it to us. (see next page)



**Form 4506-T**  
(June 2019)  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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3 Current name, address (including apt., room, or suite no.), city, state, and ZIP code (see instructions)	
4 Previous address shown on the last return filed if different from line 3 (see instructions)	
5 Customer file number (if applicable) (see instructions)	

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6 **Transcript requested.** Enter the tax form number here (1040, 1065, 1120, etc.) and check the appropriate box below. Enter only one tax form number per request.

a **Return Transcript**, which includes most of the line items of a tax return as filed with the IRS. A tax return transcript does not reflect changes made to the account after the return is processed. Transcripts are only available for the following returns: Form 1040 series, Form 1065, Form 1120, Form 1120-A, Form 1120-H, Form 1120-L, and Form 1120S. Return transcripts are available for the current year and returns processed during the prior 3 processing years. Most requests will be processed within 10 business days

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**Signature of taxpayer(s).** I declare that I am either the taxpayer whose name is shown on line 1a or 2a, or a person authorized to obtain the tax information requested. If the request applies to a joint return, at least one spouse must sign. If signed by a corporate officer, 1 percent or more shareholder, partner, managing member, guardian, tax matters partner, executor, receiver, administrator, trustee, or party other than the taxpayer, I certify that I have the authority to execute Form 4506-T on behalf of the taxpayer. Note: This form must be received by IRS within 120 days of the signature date.

Signatory attests that he/she has read the attestation clause and upon so reading declares that he/she has the authority to sign the Form 4506-T. See instructions.

Phone number of taxpayer on line 1a or 2a

Signature (see instructions) Date

Title (if line 1a above is a corporation, partnership, estate, or trust)

Spouse's signature Date

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7. I can't find my W-2s, what can I do?

- a. If you cannot find your W-2s, first contact your employer to obtain a copy. If the employer cannot provide a copy, obtain a copy from the IRS using [Form 4506-T](#) and complete it as seen below. Mail the form to the IRS using the address on page 2 of the form and when you receive the wage and income transcript back, please send us a copy. If you cannot obtain a copy from the IRS, please contact our office for a "missing W-2 form."

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8. If I am submitting a document via email, how can I sign it without printing it off first?
  - a. Download (save) the form to your computer.
  - b. Go to the location you saved the form and open it using Adobe Acrobat.
  - c. On the right hand side of the page you should see "Comment" menu – select that.
  - d. A new menu will open on the top of the page and you will see an icon that looks like a pencil (when you hover over it, it will be say "use drawing tool."
  - e. Go to the signature line and use the drawing tool to insert your signature.
  - f. Save the PDF and then email it to us.
  
9. Are there deadlines for submitting verification documents?
  - a. Yes. It is recommended that you submit all verification documents by the priority date of January 1 - for the 2021-2022 academic year, the priority date is January 1, 2021. If you are unable to submit documents by January 1, please submit as soon as possible. For most financial aid programs, including Federal Direct Loans, verification documents must be submitted no later than two weeks prior to the last day of the term or your last day of attendance for that term, whichever is earlier, in order to receive aid. For a Federal Pell Grant, verification documents must be submitted no later than 120 days after the last day of attendance or the final deadline for the academic year, whichever is earlier: for 2021-2022, the final deadline is September 10, 2022.
  
10. Why do I have to include my spouse's information if we were not married in 2019?
  - a. Per Federal Regulations, the FAFSA requires you to list your marital status as of the date you sign and submit your FAFSA. In addition, the federal regulations require you to include spousal income information if you are married as of the date you sign and submit the FAFSA, regardless of whether or not you were married in 2019.
  
11. Why is my step-parent's information required?
  - a. As a dependent student, the FAFSA requires you list the parental information of the parent with whom you lived with more during the 12 months preceding the date you filed the FAFSA\*. If that parent is remarried as of the date you filed the FAFSA, you must include your step-parent's information, even if they were not married to your parent in 2019. (\*if you lived with both parents equally, you include the parent's (and step-parent's) information from you received more financial support in the past 12 months.
  
12. How do I obtain a 1040-X?
  - a. A 1040-X is filed when you or the IRS makes a correction to your originally filed federal tax return. If you do not have a copy of your 1040-X contact your tax preparer for a copy. If you are unable to obtain a copy of the 1040-X from your tax preparer, you will need to request a "Record of Account" from the IRS.
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**Signature of taxpayer(s).** I declare that I am either the taxpayer whose name is shown on line 1a or 2a, or a person authorized to obtain the tax information requested. If the request applies to a joint return, at least one spouse must sign. If signed by a corporate officer, 1 percent or more shareholder, partner, managing member, guardian, tax matters partner, executor, receiver, administrator, trustee, or party other than the taxpayer, I certify that I have the authority to execute Form 4506-T on behalf of the taxpayer. **Note:** This form must be received by IRS within 120 days of the signature date.

Signatory attests that he/she has read the attestation clause and upon so reading declares that he/she has the authority to sign the Form 4506-T. See instructions.

Phone number of taxpayer on line 1a or 2a

**Sign Here**

▶ Signature (see instructions) | Date

▶ Title (if line 1a above is a corporation, partnership, estate, or trust)

▶ Spouse's signature | Date