



2025-2026 Verification Worksheet

Your 2025-2026 FAFSA was selected for review in a process called **Verification**. Before awarding federal aid, we must ask you to confirm the information reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information, you and at least one parent (if you are a dependent student) must complete this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit all paperwork to Student Financial Services via email at financialservices@montreat.edu or fax at **828-412-0257**. Do not leave any section blank or unsigned as this will cause your paperwork to be marked as incomplete and will result in our inability to disburse your federal aid. **We cannot accept pictures of documents; all paperwork should be submitted in .pdf format.** Please note that any adjustments made to your FAFSA as a result of Verification could affect the amount of financial aid you are eligible to receive which could alter your balance due.

IMPORTANT – This form will be considered invalid if:

- It is not signed by both the student and parent (if dependent)
- All household members, including yourself, are not listed
- 1040 forms are not manually signed by the taxpayer or include an EIN from a preparer

Student Information:

Last Name	First Name	Student Identification Number
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Household Information:

List below all of the people who will be living in your household from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Students are considered dependent *unless* they are over the age of 24, married, have dependents, are an orphan/ward of the court are legally emancipated, or are a veteran/active duty member of the armed forces.

Dependent Students

Include, if applicable

- Yourself
- Your parents (including stepparents)
- Your siblings and any other dependents or household members who will receive more than half of their support from the parents.

Independent Students

Include, if applicable

- Yourself
- Your spouse
- Your children
- Any other dependents or household members who will receive more than half of their support from you or your spouse.

Full Name	Age	Relationship to Student
		Self

Student and Parent Income Information

Important Note: If the student or parent filed an amended 2023 IRS tax return, *the student or parent must contact Student Financial Services at financialservices@montreat.edu before completing this section.*

1. STUDENT TAX RETURN FILERS

Check the box that applies:

- ☐ The student has used the **IRS Direct Data Exchange (FA-DDX)** to transfer their 2023 IRS income information into their FAFSA. *Contact Student Financial Services for instructions to learn how to use this tool.*
- ☐ The student is unable or chooses not to use the IRS Direct Data Exchange (FA-DDX) and has attached a **2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript or manually signed copy of their 2023 1040 Form.** *Contact Student Financial Services to learn how to obtain an IRS tax return transcript.*

2. PARENT TAX RETURN FILERS

Check the box that applies:

- ☐ The parent has used the **IRS Direct Data Exchange (FA-DDX)** to transfer their 2023 IRS income information into the student's FAFSA. *Contact Student Financial Services for instructions on how to use this tool.*
- ☐ The parent is unable or chooses not to use IRS Direct Data Exchange (FA-DDX) and has attached a **2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript or manually signed copy of their 2023 1040 Form.** *Contact Student Financial Services to learn how to obtain an IRS tax return transcript.*

3. TAX RETURN NONFILERS

Check the box that applies:

- ☐ The **student** was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2023.
- ☐ The **parent** was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2023. ***Further documentation required, see below****
- ☐ The student/parent was employed in 2023 but will not file and is not required to file an income tax return with the IRS. ***Further documentation required, see below***** List below the names of all employers and the amount earned from each employer. **Please attach copies of all 2023 IRS W-2 forms** issued to the student/parent by all employers, if applicable.

Employer's Name	IRS W-2 or Equivalent Provided?	2023 Amount Earned

*If the single parent of a dependent student reports no taxes filed or income earned in 2023, that parent **must** provide both an **IRS Verification of Non-filing letter** as well as a separate written explanation indicating how they support themselves and their dependents (e.g., spousal or familial support, government assistance, etc.).

Parents who were employed but were not required to file an income tax return with the IRS must provide an **IRS Verification of Non-filing letter or a signed statement certifying that the individual(s) attempted to obtain confirmation of non-filing from the IRS and were unable to obtain the required documentation.

Identification

You must complete 1 of the following:

1. **The student must appear in person at Montreat College** to verify his or her identity by presenting an unexpired government-issued photo identification, such as, but not limited to, a driver's license or passport **OR**
2. **The student must provide via email or fax** a copy of an unexpired valid government-issued photo identification that is acknowledged in the attached notary statement.

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of _____

City/County of _____

On (date) _____, before me (notary's name), _____

personally appeared (printed name of signer), _____,

and proved to me because of satisfactory evidence of identification (type of unexpired 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) _____



Certifications and Signatures:

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct. **Digital or typed signatures will not be accepted; please sign manually in black ink.**

Student's Signature and Montreat ID Number

Date

Parent's Signature (of Dependent Student)

Date