

C. Independent Student's Income Information to Be Verified

1. TAX RETURN FILERS—Important Note: The instructions below apply to the student and spouse, if the student is married. Notify the financial aid office if the student or spouse filed separate IRS income tax returns for 2015 or had a change in marital status after December 31, 2015.

Instructions: Complete this section if the student filed or will file a 2015 income tax return (s). *The best way to verify income is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT) that is part of FAFSA on the Web at FAFSA.gov. In most cases, no further documentation is needed to verify 2015 income information that was transferred into the student's FAFSA using the IRS DRT if that information was not changed by the FAFSA filer.*

Check the box that applies:

- The student has used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web to retrieve and transfer 2015 IRS income information into the student's FAFSA.
- The student has not yet used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web, but will use the tool to retrieve and transfer 2015 IRS income information into the student's FAFSA.
- The student is unable or chooses not to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web, and the student will submit to the school a **2015 IRS tax return transcript(s)**.

A 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be obtained though:

- Get Transcript by MAIL – Go to www.irs.gov, under the Tools heading, click “Get a tax transcript.” Click “Get Transcript by MAIL.” Make sure to request the “IRS Tax Return Transcript” and **NOT** the “IRS Tax Account Transcript.”
- Get Transcript ONLINE – Go to www.irs.gov, under the Tools heading, click “Get a tax transcript.” Click “Get Transcript ONLINE.” Make sure to request the “IRS Tax Return Transcript” and **NOT** the “IRS Tax Account Transcript.”
- Automated Telephone Request – 1-800-908-9946
- Paper Request Form – IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506 –T

In most cases, for electronic tax return filers, 2015 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 2-3 weeks after the 2015 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2015 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2015 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT or the IRS Tax Return Transcript within 6-8 weeks after the 2015 paper IRS income tax return has been received by the IRS. Contact the financial aid office if more information is needed about using the IRS DRT or obtaining an IRS Tax Return Transcript.

If the student and spouse filed separate 2015 IRS income tax returns, the IRS DRT cannot be used and the **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript (s)** must be provided for each.

- Check here if a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** is provided.
- Check here if a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** will be provided later.

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2. TAX RETURN NONFILERS

The instructions and certifications below apply to the student and the spouse, if the student is married. Complete this section if the student and spouse will not file and are not required to file a 2015 income tax return with the IRS.

Check the box that applies:

- The student and spouse were not employed and had no income earned from work in 2015.
- The student and/or spouse were employed in 2015 and has listed below the names of all the student's employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2015, and whether an IRS W-2 form is provided. Provide copies of all 2015 IRS W-2 forms issued to the student and spouse by their employers. List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form.

If more space is needed, attach a separate page with the student's name and Social Security Number at the top.

<u>Employer's Name</u>	<u>IRS W-2 Provided?</u>	<u>Annual Amount Earned in 2015</u>
(Example) ABC's Auto Body Shop	Yes	\$4,500
Total amount of Income Earned From Work		\$

Provide documentation from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2015 that indicates a 2015 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS or other relevant tax authority.

- Check here if confirmation of nonfiling is provided.
- Check here if confirmation of nonfiling will be provided later.

E. Certification and Signatures

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

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

Print Student's Name

Student's ID Number

Student's Signature (Required)

Date

Spouse's Signature (Optional)

Date

Do not mail this worksheet to the U.S. Department of Education. Fax this form to (334) 347-0191 or mail to: ESCC Financial Aid, P.O. Box 1300, Enterprise AL 36331-1300. Aviation students should fax this form to (334) 774-0477 or mail to: ESCC-AAC Financial Aid, 3405 South US Hwy 231, Ozark AL 36360.

Please make a copy of this worksheet for your records.