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2025-2026 Independent Verification Worksheet

Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected by the U.S. Dept. of Education for a review process called “Verification.” In this process, the Financial Aid Office will be reviewing information from your application and collecting additional documentation. If there are differences between your application information and your financial documents, FAFSA corrections may need to be made. **We cannot process financial aid until verification has been completed. Please provide the required documents as soon as possible.**

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

Section A: Student Information -- (V1, V5)

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Student ID Number
Address (include apt. no.)			Date of Birth
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City	State	Zip Code	Preferred Phone Number

Section B: Family Information -- (V1, V5)

Item 1: List the people in your household, from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Include:

- The student.
- The student’s spouse, if applicable.
- The student’s dependent children if all of the following are true:
 - They live with the student (or live apart because of college enrollment);
 - They receive more than half of their support from the student; and
 - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year.
- Other persons if the following are true:
 - They live with the student;
 - They receive more than half of their support from the student; and
 - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year.

Full Name	Age	Relationship
		Self

The provided criteria for “dependent children” or “other persons” mirror the requirement that family size align with those the student could claim as a dependent on a U.S. tax return if the student were to file a U.S tax return at the time of completing the 2025-2026 FAFSA. As a result, the student should not include any unborn children in the family size.

Section C: Student's Income -- (V1, V5)

Check the ONE box that applies:

- ☐ I (and/or my spouse, if married) filed a 2023 federal income tax return and have consented for my *Federal Tax Information (FTI)* to be transferred to the FAFSA. **If 2023 income tax return information was not available or could not be used, I will provide a 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2023 income tax return and applicable schedules.**
- ☐ I (and/or my spouse, if married) did not file and **was not required to file** a 2023 federal income tax return. For any income earned from work, **I have attached my (and/or my spouse, if married) 2023 W-2s from all employers and completed the box below.**

Employer's Name	2023 Amount Earned	W-2 Provided by Employer?
<i>ABC's Auto Body Shop (example)</i>	<i>\$2000.00</i>	<i>Yes</i>

For other sources and amounts of earnings, other income, and resources that supported myself and/or my spouse for the 2023 tax year, **I have listed the source and amount below.**

Other Income and Financial Resources	2023 Amount

If your spouse did not file and was not required to file a 2023 United States federal income tax return with the IRS, please also have the statement below signed by your spouse.

I, _____, did not file and am not required to file a 2023 U.S. federal income tax return.
 Spouse's Name

 Spouse Signature

 Date

Section D: Certification and Signature – (V1, V5)

I certify that all of the information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct. The student must sign this worksheet.

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

 Student Signature

 Date

 Spouse's Signature (if applicable)

 Date

Typed or e-signatures are not acceptable. Please print, sign, and date this document.

Return by email, fax or postal mail to:

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Independent Verification Worksheet Instructions

What you should do:

1. Contact us if you have questions about completing this worksheet at (207) 621-3412
2. Please mail the completed and signed worksheet to the Office of Financial Aid.
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For students (and your spouse, if married) who filed a 2023 Federal Tax Return:

Federal Tax Information (FTI). Check your MaineStreet “To Do” list for requested documentation. If tax documentation is requested, you can provide one of the following:

A: Federal Tax Return. Provide a **SIGNED** copy of the 2023 Federal Tax Return IRS Form 1040 (Pages 1 and 2) with Schedules 1, 2 and 3 (if filed). Clearly print your name and student ID number at the top of the page before submitting the document to UMA.

B: IRS Tax Return Transcript. Go to www.irs.gov, select “Get Your Tax Record” link, or call 1-800-908-9946 to request a 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript. Make sure to request the 2023 IRS Tax “Return” Transcript (NOT the IRS Tax “Account” Transcript). Clearly print your name and student ID number at the top of the page before submitting the document to UMA.

Important Notes:

- If you or your spouse filed, or will file, an amended 2023 federal tax return, have been the victim of IRS identity theft in 2023, filed a foreign tax return, or have been granted an extension beyond the automatic six-month extension for tax year 2023, you must contact the Office of Financial Aid for specific instructions.
- If you had a change in marital status after December 31, 2023, please contact the Office of Financial Aid.

For Independent Students who did not file a 2023 federal tax return:

- If you (and your spouse if married) earned income in 2023, in section C list every employer and the amounts earned in 2023, even if the employer did not issue you a 2023 W-2. You must attach a copy of the W-2 for each employer that was required to provide a W-2. If you no longer have the W-2, request a copy from the employer. If more space is needed, attach a separate page with the student’s name and ID number at the top.