

Financial Aid

2025 – 2026 Verification Worksheet for Independent Students

Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) was selected for a review process called verification. In this process, San Diego Mesa College will compare your financial aid application with the information included on this worksheet and with any other required documents. Financial Aid regulations require us to ask for this information before disbursing any Federal or State Student Aid. If there are differences, your application information may need to be corrected. If you have questions about the verification process, please contact the San Diego Mesa College Financial Aid Office as soon as possible to avoid a delay in the processing of your financial aid.

A. Student's Information

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B. Independent Student's Family Size

Family size includes:

- 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 of their support from the student from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
- 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 of their support from the student through June 30, 2026

The provided criteria for “dependent children” or “other persons” align with the requirement that family size align with whom 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 financial aid application. As a result, the student should not include any unborn children in the family size.

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Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Student ID Number (10 Digits)
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C. Tax Return Transcript, Tax Filer and Income Information

Complete this section if the student and/or spouse filed or will file a 2023 IRS Federal Tax Return.

Check All that apply

	Student	Spouse
Check here and provide a signed copy of your submitted 1040 with all schedules for 2023 or a 2023 Federal Tax Return Transcript. <i>To obtain an IRS Tax return Transcripts, go to www.irs.gov/transcript and click on the "Get Transcripts ONLINE or Get Transcript BY MAIL" link, or call 1-800-908-9946. Be sure you order the "IRS Tax Return Transcript".</i>		

Individuals Who Filed Non-IRS Income Tax Returns

Check All that apply

	Student	Spouse
Check here if you filed a 2023 income tax return with a foreign tax authority other than the IRS and provide a signed copy of the income tax return that was filed with the country's relevant tax authority translated to English and converted to US Dollars.		

Non-Tax Filer Information*

Check All that apply

	Student	Spouse
Check here if you will not file and are not required to file a 2023 Federal Income Tax Return*		

Complete this section if the student and/or spouse worked, but will not file (and are not required to file) a 2023 Federal Tax Return and attach copies of all 2023 W-2 forms or equivalent documents.

(Fill in all that apply)

Income Source(s) from Work	Student	Spouse
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
Total Amount of Income Earned from Work	\$	\$

* You may be asked to provide a copy of your "Verification of Non-filing Letter" confirming that a 2023 IRS Federal Tax Return was not filed with the IRS.

D. Certification and Signature

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct. The student and spouse whose information was reported on the Financial Aid application must sign and date.

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

Student's Signature

Date

Spouse's Signature [if did not file joint return]

Date