

2026-2027 INDEPENDENT

Verification Worksheet V-	
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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 Student Financial Services 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 ATTACHED INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

Section A: Student Information (V1, V4, 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, V4, V5)								

Item 1: List the people in your household, from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Include:

- Yourself:
- Your spouse if you are married;
- Your children or spouse's dependent children if they live with you and receive more than half of their support and will continue to receive more than half of their support from you (and/or your spouse) during the 2026-2027 year;
- Other people if they live with you and receive more than half of their support and will continue to receive more than half of their support from you (and/or your spouse) during the 2026-2027 year.

Full Name	Age	Relationship
Missy Jones (example)	18	Sister
		Self

To determine family size, the provided criteria for "dependent children" or "other persons" align 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 2026-2027 FAFSA.

Student's Name:	udent's Name: Student ID Number:				
Section C: Student's Income (V1, V5)					
Check the ONE box that applies: ☐ I (and/or my spouse, if married) filed a 2024 federal income tax return and have consented for my Federal Tax Information (FTI) to be transferred to the FAFSA. If 2024 income tax return information was not available or could not be used, I will provide a 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2024 income tax					
return and applicable schedules.	ranscripu(s) or a	signe	a copy of the 2024 income tax		
☐ I (and/or my spouse, if married) did not file and was not required to file a 2024 federal income tax return. For any income earned from work, I have attached my (and/or my spouse, if married) 2024 W-2s from all employers and completed the box below.					
Employer's Name	2024 Amount Ea	rned	W-2 Provided by Employer?		
Suzy's Auto Body Shop (example)	\$2000.0	0	Yes		
For other sources and amounts of earnings, other income, and resources that supported myself and/or my spouse for the 2024 tax year, I have listed the source and amount below.					
Other Income and Financial Resources		2024 Amount			
If your spouse did not file and was not required to file a 2024 United States federal income tax return with the IRS, please also have the statement below signed by your spouse. I,					
Spouse Signature			Date		
Section D: Certification and Signature – (V1, V4, 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				

Return by mail to:

USM, Student Financial Services Office, 37 College Ave., Gorham, ME 04038 Phone: (207) 780-5250 or https://usm.maine.edu/student-financial-services/university-of-southern-maine-financial-aid-secure-document-upload/



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What you should do:

- 1. Log in to MaineStreet and view which Verification Group is noted on your To Do list.
- 2. On the top right corner of the worksheet indicate which Verification Group is noted on your To Do list and complete ONLY the sections of this worksheet required for the Verification Group.
- 3. Contact us if you have questions about completing this worksheet at (207) 780-5250.
- 4. Please mail the completed and signed worksheet to the Student Financial Services Office.

USM, Student Financial Services Office

37 College Ave.

Gorham, ME 04038

or through our secure dropbox at https://usm.maine.edu/student-financial-services/university-of-southern-maine-financial-aid-secure-document-upload/

For students (and your spouse, if married) who filed a 2024 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 2024 Federal Tax Return IRS Form 1040 (Pages 1 and 2) with Schedule 1 and/or Schedule 3 (if filed). Clearly print your name and student ID number at the top of the page before submitting the document to USM.

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 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript. Make sure to request the 2024 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 USM.

Important Notes:

- If you or your spouse filed, or will file, an <u>amended 2024 federal tax return</u>, have been the <u>victim of IRS identity theft</u> in 2024, filed a <u>foreign tax return</u>, or have been <u>granted an extension</u> beyond the automatic six-month extension for tax year 2024, you must contact the Student Financial Services Office for specific instructions.
- If you had a <u>change in marital status</u> after December 31, 2024, please contact the Student Financial Services Office.

For Independent Students who did not file a 2024 federal tax return:

• If you (and your spouse if married) earned income in 2024, in section C list every employer and the amounts earned in 2024, even if the employer did not issue you a 2024 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.