

Completing Income Verification 2025-2026

The US Department of Education selects Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at random for a process called verification. This process requires the Financial Aid Office to verify self-reported income information reported on the FAFSA. "You" on this form refers to the individual(s) whose tax information is being requested by the College. 2025-2026 Income Verification is based on income earned in **2023**.

2023 FEDERAL INCOME TAX FILERS

If you have filed a 2023 Federal Tax Return most individuals can verify their income in one of two ways:

1. <u>Signed Copy of 2023 Federal Tax Return</u> – Provide a complete (including schedules) signed copy of the 2023 federal tax return (Form 1040) that was submitted to the IRS.

2. Tax Return Transcript

- Online: Go to <u>irs.gov</u>. Click "Get Your Tax Record". Click "Get a Transcript Online" OR "Get Transcript by Mail". When you get to the "Get Transcript" screen, be sure to select "Return Transcript" for 2023. Once received, be sure to submit all pages to our office.
- Mail: Complete Form 4506-T (Request for Transcript of Tax Return) and mail it to the IRS. This form is available at <u>irs.gov</u> under "Forms & Instructions". Be sure you send all pages as the mailed transcripts are double sided.
- **Phone**: Call 1-800-908-9946. You will be put through a series of prompts to place your order. Be sure you request a "Tax Return Transcript".

If your IRS filing status in 2023 was "Married Filing Jointly" but your marital status on the FAFSA is Single/Divorced/Separated/Widowed, please provide a copy of your W-2s as well.

If your 2023 Federal Tax Return includes a rollover of an untaxed pension or IRA distribution, please include a separate signed statement confirming the amount of the rollover with your tax return or tax return transcript.

OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES

<u>2023 Non-Tax Filers</u> must complete a Non-Tax Filer Statement which can be obtained at www.qcc.edu/financialaid in the 'Forms and Missing Information' section. Additional information may be required upon request.

If you have filed an Amended Federal Tax Return for 2023 provide a signed copy of the 1040X *Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return* **and** either an IRS Tax Return Transcript or signed copy of the complete 2022 IRS Form 1040 and applicable schedules filed with the IRS.

<u>If you have filed a 2023 Puerto Rico or foreign tax return</u> submit a signed and translated copy to our office.

Please contact the Financial Aid Office for assistance with any other circumstances.