

Financial Aid Office 2025-2026 Verification Process

The process of confirming the information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is also known as verification. Some students are selected for this process by the Department of Education. Once the Financial Aid Department identifies all selected cases, students are notified they've been selected via their institutional email and student portal. The notification also advises what is needed to resolve the verification and deadline to comply with the request.

No federal financial aid funding will be disbursed if verification is incomplete. Students who do not complete the verification process within the financial aid year will not receive any Title IV funding.

Students selected for verification will be placed in one of the following verification groups, as identified by the Department of Education.

V1- Standard Verification Group

Students in this group, if tax filers, must verify:

- Adjusted Gross Income
- US Income tax paid
- Untaxed portions of IRS distributions
- Untaxed portions of pensions
- IRA deductions and payments
- Tax-exempt interest income
- Education credits
- Household size
- Number in college

Students in this group if non- tax filers must verify:

- Household size
- Income earned from work
- Number in college

V4- Custom Verification Group

Students must verify their identity/ statement of educational purpose (SEP).

V5- Aggregate Verification Group

In addition to items indicated for V1 verification group, students in this verification group must also verify identity/statement of educational purpose (SEP).

Verification groups V2, V3 and V6 are reserved by the Federal Department of Education.