

2010-2011 Independent Student Verification Worksheet For Federal Student Aid Programs

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Your application was selected for review in a process called "Verification." In this process, the Office of Financial Aid will compare information from your application with signed copies of your (and your spouse's, if you are married) 2009 Federal tax forms, W-2 forms and/or other financial documents. The law (34 CFR, Part 668) says we have the right to ask you for this information before awarding Federal aid. If there are differences between your application information and your financial documents, corrections may need to be made.

Complete this verification form and submit it to the Office of Financial Aid as soon as possible so that your financial aid won't be delayed.

What you should do

1. Collect your (and your spouse's) financial documents (signed Federal income tax forms, accompanying schedules, W-2 forms, etc.).
2. Talk to your financial aid administrator if you have questions about completing this worksheet.
3. Complete and sign the worksheet.
4. Submit the completed worksheet, tax forms, and any other requested documents to the Office of Financial Aid.
5. Your financial aid counselor will compare information on this worksheet and any supporting documents with the information you submitted on your application and will make necessary corrections.

A. Student Information

_____ Last name	_____ First name	_____ M.I.	_____ Social Security Number	_____ SVC ID
_____ Address (include apt. no.)			_____ Date of birth	
_____ City	_____ State	_____ ZIP code	_____ Phone number (include area code)	

B. Family Information

List the people in your household, include:

- Yourself, and your spouse if you have one; and
- Your children, if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, even if they do not live with you; and
- Other people if they now live with you and you provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

Write the names of **all** household members, who meet the above criteria, in the space(s) below. Also write in the name of the college for any household member, excluding your parent(s), who will be attending college at least half time between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, and will be enrolled in a degree, diploma, or certificate program. If you need more space, attach a separate page.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College
<i>Martha Jones (example)</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>City University</i>
		Self	

C. Tax Forms and Income Information

Independent

All tax filers must submit signed copies of 2009 Federal Tax Returns. Tax returns include the 2009 IRS Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, a tax return from Puerto Rico or a foreign income tax return. If you did not keep a copy of your tax return, request a copy from your tax preparer or request an Internal Revenue Service form that lists tax account information. (Call 1-800-829-1040 if you need to request an IRS Federal tax transcript.)

Please complete the following:

My signed tax return, schedules, and W-2s are attached.

My spouse filed a separate return and that signed tax return, including schedules and W-2s, is attached.

I will not file, and am not required to file, a 2009 U.S. Income Tax Return. Attach a copy of your W-2s (if applicable) or other documentation of income such as 1099 forms.

My spouse will not file, and is not required to file, a 2009 U.S. Income Tax Return. Attach a copy of your spouse's W-2s (if applicable) or other documentation of income such as 1099 forms.

If you did not file, and are not required to file, a 2009 Federal Income Tax Return, list below your employer(s) and any income received in 2009 (use the W-2 form or other earnings statements if available). **If no income was received, write NONE.**

Student Sources of Income	2009 Amount	Spouse Sources of Income	2009 Amount
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$

2009 ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Report Annual Amounts—Write Zeros If No Funds Were Received

Student/Spouse

\$	Child support paid because of divorce or separation or as a result of legal requirement. Do not include support for children in your household, as reported in FAFSA Question 96.
\$	Taxable earnings from need-based employment programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships.
\$	Student grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS in your adjusted gross income—includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances and interest accrual payments), as well as grant and/or scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships.
\$	Combat pay or special combat pay. Only enter the amount that was taxable and included in the adjusted gross income. Do not enter untaxed combat pay reported on the W-2 (Box 12, Code Q).

2009 UNTAXED INCOME

Report Annual Amounts—Write Zeros If No Funds Were Received

Student/Spouse

\$	Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 Forms in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H, and S.
\$	Child support received for all children. Don't include foster care or adoption payments.
\$	Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits).
\$	Veterans' noneducation benefits such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC), and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.
\$	Other untaxed income not reported elsewhere, such as workers' compensation, disability, etc. Don't include student aid, earned income credit, additional child tax credit, welfare payments, untaxed Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Workforce Investment Act educational benefits, combat pay, benefits from flexible spending arrangements (e.g., cafeteria plans), foreign income exclusion or credit for federal tax on special fuels.
\$	Money received , or paid on your behalf (e.g., bills), not reported elsewhere on this form.

D. Sign this Worksheet

By signing this worksheet, I/we certify that all the information reported on it is complete and correct. If married, spouse's signature is optional. **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

Date

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN YOUR TAX FORMS. Submit this worksheet and all required tax returns, schedules and W-2 s to the Financial Aid Office at Southern Vermont College. Do NOT mail them to the Department of Education.