

Verification Statement - Independent Student

IDOC ID: _____ Student's Name: _____

Please complete, print, sign, and submit this form.

Step 1 - Student Information

Address (include apt. #) _____ Date of Birth _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Student's Primary Phone # (include area code) _____ Student's Primary E-mail Address _____

Step 2 - Household Information

Report Below:

- Yourself
- Your spouse (if you are married)
- Your children if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017
- Other people only if they live with you and you provide more than half of their support and will continue to do so from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017
- Provide college information for those students attending at least half-time during 2016-17 in a program leading to a degree, diploma, or certificate

Full Name	Age	Relationship	Name of College	Undergraduate /Graduate	Half-time/ Full-time	Grad Date
		<i>Self</i>				

Step 3 - Household Untaxed Income and Benefits - Calendar Year 2015

Did you or others in your household receive untaxed income in 2015?

YES Complete the Untaxed Income section at the end of this form.

NO

Step 4 - Student's Tax Filing Status - Calendar Year 2015

Have you or will you be required to file a 2015 U.S. federal income tax return?

YES

NO, but I had some earnings from work - Submit a *Non-Tax Filer's Statement* available on the dashboard. Be sure to submit all W-2 and 1099 forms you received.

NO, and I had no earnings from work - Submit a *Non-Tax Filer's Statement* available on the dashboard.

Step 5 - Spouse's Tax Filing Status - Calendar Year 2015

If you are married, has your spouse filed or will he or she be required to file a 2015 U.S. federal income tax return?

YES

NO, but he or she had some earnings from work - Submit a *Non-Tax Filer's Statement* on the dashboard. Be sure to submit all W-2 and 1099 forms he or she received.

NO, and he or she had no earnings from work - Submit a *Non-Tax Filer's Statement* available on the dashboard.

Step 6 - Food Stamp Benefits - Calendar Years 2014 and 2015

Did you receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (Food Stamps) in 2014 or 2015?

YES Submit a copy of a letter or other documentation from the agency that issued the Food Stamps your family received. If your college has given you guidance, please follow their directions. Clearly label the document "Food Stamp Verification" and put your SSN in the top right corner of the document.

NO

Step 7 - Child Support Paid - Calendar Year 2015

Did you, or your spouse if married, pay child support because of divorce or separation during the calendar year 2015? (Do not include support for children included in Step 2 above)

YES Complete, and submit in your IDOC packet, a *Child Support Paid Verification Statement* available on the dashboard.

NO

Step 8 - Certification

I certify all the information reported is complete and correct (the student and student's spouse, if married, must sign):

Student Signature

Date

Spouse Signature (if married)

Date

Verification of Student's Untaxed Income for 2015

Only complete and return this section if you answered "Yes" in Step 3.

Enter **annual** amounts for applicable items. If any item does not apply, enter "N/A" for Not Applicable where a **response** is requested and 0 in an area where an **amount** is requested.

If more space is needed, provide a separate page with the student's name and IDOC ID at the top.

A. Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings

List payments (direct or withheld from earnings) to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans (e.g., 401(k) or 403(b) plans), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on W-2 forms in Boxes 12a through 12d with codes D, E, F, G, H, and S.

Name of Person Who Made the Payment	Total Amount Paid

B. Child support received

List of the actual amount of child support **received** in 2015 for the children in your household.

Do not include foster care payments, adoption payments, or any amount that was court-ordered but not actually paid.

Name of Adult Who Received the Support	Name of Child For Whom Support Was Received	Amount of Child Support Received

C. Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others

Include cash payments and/or the cash value of benefits received.

Do not include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing.

Name of Recipient	Type of Benefit Received	Amount of Benefit Received

D. Veterans non-education benefits

List the total amount of veterans non-education benefits received in 2015. Include Disability, Death Pension, Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.

Do not include federal veteran's educational benefits such as: Montgomery GI Bill, Dependents Education Assistance Program, VEAP Benefits, or Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Name of Recipient	Type of Veterans Non-education Benefit	Amount of Benefit Received

E. Other untaxed income

List the amount of other untaxed income not reported and not excluded elsewhere on this form. Include untaxed income such as workers' compensation, disability, Black Lung Benefits, Railroad Retirement Benefits, etc.

Do not include any items reported or excluded in A - D above. In addition, do not include student aid, Earned Income Credit, Additional Child Tax Credit, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), untaxed Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Workforce Investment Act (WIA) educational benefits, combat pay, benefits from flexible spending arrangements (e.g., cafeteria plans), foreign income exclusion, or credit for federal tax on special fuels.

Name of Recipient	Type of Other Untaxed Income	Amount of Other Untaxed Income Received

F. Money received by or paid on the student's behalf

List any money received by or paid on the student's behalf (e.g., if someone is paying rent, utility bills, etc., for the student or gives cash, gift cards, etc.) not reported elsewhere on this form. Enter the total amount of cash support the student received in 2015. Amounts paid on the student's behalf also include any distributions to the student from a 529 plan **owned by someone other than the student or the student's parents**, such as grandparents, aunts, and uncles.

Purpose: e.g., Cash, Rent, Books	Source	Amount Received