



Financial Aid

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2026-2027 Independent Verification Form

NOTICE: Per Federal Regulations, you must submit documents by mail, fax (803-643-6840) or in person. Any documents sent by email will be deleted and WILL NOT BE PROCESSED!

Your 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. Verification must be completed before you can be awarded. As part of this process, please complete this form, provide signatures, and return it to our office at the address or fax number above. Be sure to fully answer each question on this form.

Student's Name: Last _____ First _____ M.I. _____ USC ID _____ VIP ID _____

VERIFICATION DOCUMENTS WITH UNANSWERED QUESTIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

Section 1: Information about you and your Family

1. Indicate the current legal marital status for you and your spouse: (You may be required to provide legal documentation).

- Never Married
- Married/Remarried
- Widowed
- Unmarried and living together
- Separated
- Divorced

2. Indicate the month and year you and your spouse were married/remarried, separated/divorced, or widowed.

Month: _____ Year: _____

3. List the people living in your household and receiving your support from July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027. Include the student, the student's spouse (if the student is married), the student's or spouse's children if the student or spouse will provide more than half of the children's support even if a child does not live with the student. Include other people if they now live with the student and the student or spouse provides more than half of the other person's support and will continue to provide more than half of that person's support through June 30, 2026.

| Full Name | Date of Birth | Relationship to Student | Enrolled at least half time in 2026-2027 in a degree, diploma, or certificate program? <i>If yes, list name of college.</i> |
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| 1. | / / | Student | University of South Carolina Aiken |
| 2. | / / | Spouse | |
| 3. | / / | | |
| 4. | / / | | |
| 5. | / / | | |

Attached blank page to include _____ additional household members.

Section 2: Information about Student and Spouse Income

1. Please check at least one of the following for the student/spouse income:
 - Consent and approval were given to share and import income and tax information from the IRS to the FAFSA.
 - Consent and approval were given to share and import income and tax information to the FAFSA but were not successful and the 2024 tax information was input manually. Provide one of the following:
 - Student/Spouse attached a copy of their 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript
 - Student/Spouse signed 2024 IRS Federal Tax Return with schedules 1, 2, 3, C, or K, if applicable
 - Student/spouse worked in 2024 but was not required to file taxes. Provide the following: (Complete question 3)
 - Student/Spouse 2024 W2
2. Did you or your spouse file an **amended tax return**? (Please check one) Yes or No
 If you answered yes, filed a 1040-X to amend/make changes your taxes, please submit the following:
 - A signed copy of your 2024 IRS Form 1040-X that you filed.
3. **Non-filers ONLY (Skip if you filed a Federal Tax Return):** Federal regulations now require that all nontax filers provide confirmation of non-filing from the IRS dated on or after October 1, 2025. An IRS Verification of Non-filing Letter must be requested directly from the IRS by going to www.irs.gov/transcript or by calling 1-800-908-9946. A confirmation of non-filing can also be obtained from the IRS by completing Form 4506-T (check Box 7). If appropriate, a similar confirmation from another taxing authority (e.g., a U.S. territory or a foreign government) is also acceptable.

Additionally, if you worked and earned a W-2 form, please complete the following section and attach a copy of the W-2 form for each source of employment. Misplaced W-2s can be requested through employers or by requesting a Wage Transcript from the IRS.

| Student/Spouse Employer's Name | 2024 Amount Earned | IRS W-2 or 1099-MISC Attached? |
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Attached page to include _____ additional household members.

| Other Income Type <i>(Social Security, Disability, etc.)</i> | Monthly Amount | Number of months Received (1-12) | Annual amount January 2024-December 2024 |
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Attached blank page to include additional income and/or explanation of family support.

Section 3: Required Signatures

NOTICE: Per Federal Regulations, DO NOT EMAIL verification documents (including tax documents and W-2s). You must submit documents by mail, fax (803-643-6840) or in person.

By signing below, we certify that all information on this form is complete and correct. We also authorize the University of South Carolina Aiken to make changes to the student's 2026-2076 FAFSA based on documents and/or information we have provided. Signatures below cannot be electronic and must be handwritten.

WARNING - If you purposely give false information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

Student: _____ Date: _____

Spouse (if applicable): _____ Date: _____

CHECKLIST* – Review the checklist to ensure you have provided our office with all required documents for the verification to be completed.

- Student/Spouse 2024 W2s, 2024 Tax Information.
- Copies of Schedule(s) 1, 2, 3, C or K if applicable
- All sections are complete (Sections 1, 2, and 3).
- All necessary signatures are provided.

***The University has the authority to request additional documentation, if necessary, when processing the student's verification.**