



FAFSA Rejection & Verification

Checking FAFSA Status

After filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), students can check the status of their FAFSA at <https://www.StudentAid.gov> or by calling 1-800-4-FEDAID (1-800-433-3243).

Once a student's FAFSA is processed, a link to their electronic Student Aid Report (SAR) is sent to the student, if they supplied a valid email address on their FAFSA.

FAFSA Rejection

The SAR instructs the student to make any corrections to a rejected FAFSA, if necessary. Common reasons for rejected FAFSA include:

- Using an incorrect social security number
- Not using the exact student name as it appears on their Social Security Card
- Failure to sign the FAFSA (student and/or parent/guardian)

To resolve the rejection status, complete the following steps:

1. Have the student log in to their FAFSA account at www.StudentAid.gov.
2. Access the Student Aid Report: Once logged in, students with an FSA ID can view or print their SAR by visiting the "My FAFSA" page and selecting "View or Print your Student Aid Report" (SAR).
3. The student might need to take action if their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is not visible.
 - a. If the application is complete, an EFC will display in the upper right-hand corner of the SAR.
 - b. If the application is incomplete, the SAR will not include an EFC. It will show **WHAT YOU MUST DO NEXT** about halfway down the page. More information about the SAR can be found at: <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/review-and-correct/review>.

FAFSA Verification

Students selected for verification will be asked to prove that certain information on their FAFSA is correct. Different students are asked to verify different items.

If a student is selected for verification, the college(s) will contact them to indicate what documentation must be submitted to the school and by what date. Students can be proactive and call the financial aid office at the college(s) to see what specific documentation needs to be provided. Students need to provide all documentation promptly. Colleges will not process financial aid for the student until the required documentation is received.

Common Items Requiring Verification

- Tax Data
- Household Size/Number of Household Members in College
- High School Completion
- Identity/Statement of Educational Purpose

Tax Data

Documentation Needed:

- IRS Tax Return Tax Transcript; a signed copy of the Tax Return might be accepted in some situations. Contact the financial aid office for more details.
- Use www.irs.gov to request a copy of your Tax Return Tax Transcript
- To request your Tax Return Transcript by mail, use Form 4506-T: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4506t.pdf>

Note: Using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool eliminates the need for additional documentation.

Household Size & Number in College

Documentation Needed:

- If the financial aid office needs this information, they will send students a form to fill out.
- Some financial aid offices will have students complete an electric form in the school's Student Portal.

High School Completion

Documentation Needed:

- Copy of diploma
- HS transcript if graduation date is included
- Other documentation may be accepted

Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

If able to appear in-person:

- Provide identification
- Sign statement

If unable to appear in-person:

- Appear before a notary
- Copy of identification
- Mail in a signed and notarized statement

**Students can contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center
for answers to additional questions:**

1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)

Visit <https://studentaid.gov/helpcenter/> for more information.