

## 2026-2027 DEPENDENT VERIFICATION FORM

**DOCUMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED VIA U.S. MAIL, FAX, OR EMAIL.**

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### **SECTION I – STUDENT IDENTIFICATION**

Your FAFSA application was selected by the government for review in a process called “verification” which is required under Federal Financial Aid Program rules. Failure to provide requested verification documents may result in not being awarded financial aid; cancellation of an existing award; or funds not applying to your account. For more information regarding the verification process, please visit [www.ferris.edu/verification](http://www.ferris.edu/verification). If you need further assistance, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

**YOU MUST COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THIS DOCUMENT. INCOMPLETE DOCUMENTS WILL BE RETURNED OR REJECTED.**

Student Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address (include Apt. No.) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

### **SECTION II – TAX DOCUMENTATION**

**DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS WHO WORKED in 2024 or FILED a 2024 Federal Tax Return.** The specific documentation required depends on whether or not the taxpayer filed a 2024 federal tax return. For detailed instructions for providing tax documentation, please visit [ferris.edu/dr](http://ferris.edu/dr).

**YOU MUST INDICATE THE APPROPRIATE TAX STATUS BELOW FOR BOTH THE STUDENT AND YOUR CUSTODIAL PARENT(s).** If you are unsure who should be listed as your “custodial” parent(s) please visit: [ferris.edu/verification](http://ferris.edu/verification), Step One, “Identifying Custodial Parent.”

**Select only one option per column.**

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Filed a 2024 federal tax return and has/will complete IRS Data Retrieval or will submit tax return transcripts or **signed** copies of federal 1040 tax return(s). For instructions on how to complete the Data Retrieval Tool visit: [ferris.edu/DR](http://ferris.edu/DR)

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Worked in 2024 but not required to file a federal tax return. Parent(s) **must submit copies of all 2024 W2(s). Parent(s) must also submit a letter of non-filing from the IRS for 2024 if they did not work or file a federal return.** For instructions visit [ferris.edu/IRS](http://ferris.edu/IRS)

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Did NOT work in 2024, was not required to and did not file a 2024 federal tax return. Parent(s) **must also submit a letter of non-filing from the IRS.** For instructions visit [ferris.edu/IRS](http://ferris.edu/IRS)

**If your custodial parents filed separate federal returns, you must provide tax returns/transcripts/Non-filing letters for each of them.**

**SECTION III – FAMILY INFORMATION July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027**

Enter your (student's) name and age in this section:

Student's Name	Age	Relationship to Student	Name of College
		SELF	Ferris State University

Enter your custodial parent's name(s) and age(s) in this section

Custodial Parent(s)/stepparent	Age(s)	Relationship to Student

Enter the names, ages, and relationship to you (student), of your custodial parent's \*\* legal dependents.

**\*\*Note: Legal dependents include people that your custodial parent(s) will provide more than 50% of the support for between July 1, 2026–June 30, 2027. Do not list yourself or your parent(s) in this section.**

Legal Dependent's Name (do NOT include yourself (student) or your parents)	Age	Relationship to Student

**SECTION IV– CERTIFICATION**

By signing this form, I certify that all the above information is complete and correct. Student and parent(s) must sign this form in ink. **Electronic or typed signatures are NOT acceptable.**

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Student

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Date

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Parent 1

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Date