

## 2026-2027 INDEPENDENT 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**

**TAX DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS AND SPOUSES WHO WORKED or FILED a 2024 Federal Tax Return.** The specific documentation required depends on whether or not the taxpayer filed a 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 SPOUSE IF YOU ARE MARRIED.** Please select only one option for each column.

Student _____	Spouse _____	Filed a 2024 federal tax return and has or will complete IRS Data Retrieval or will submit Tax Return Transcript or <b>SIGNED</b> federal 1040 tax returns. For instructions on how to complete the Data Retrieval Tool visit: <a href="http://ferris.edu/DR">ferris.edu/DR</a>
_____	_____	Worked in 2024 but not required to file a federal tax return. Student (and spouse if applicable) <b>must submit copies of ALL 2024 W2(s) and a verification of Non-filing letter from the IRS for 2024.</b> For instructions visit <a href="http://ferris.edu/IRS">ferris.edu/IRS</a>
_____	_____	Did NOT work in 2024, was not required to and did not file a 2024 federal tax return. Student (and spouse if applicable) <b>must submit a verification of Non-filing letter from the IRS for 2024.</b> For instructions visit <a href="http://ferris.edu/IRS">ferris.edu/IRS</a>

**If you and your spouse filed taxes separately, you must both provide tax returns/transcripts**

**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 spouse's name and age (if you are currently married) in this section:

Spouse's Name	Age	Relationship to Student	
		SPOUSE	

Enter the names, ages, and relationship to you (student), of your legal dependents other than your spouse. A legal dependent is some one that you will provide more than 50% of the support for between July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

Legal Dependent's Name (Do not list yourself or your spouse in this section)	Age	Relationship to Student	

**SECTION IV – CERTIFICATION**

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

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Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_