

Verification Worksheet – Independent Student

2026-2027

Student Name: _____

Hope College ID Number: _____

We are reviewing your 2026-27 financial aid application and need to complete federal verification. The information on this form is required to process your financial aid application.

Federal Tax Filing Status

As part of federal student aid eligibility, you are required to consent and approve sharing and importing income and tax information from the IRS to the FAFSA form. If 2024 federal income tax return information was not available to import, a copy of the 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2024 federal income tax return and applicable schedules should be submitted with this form.

Student - please select one:

- ☐ I have filed a 2024 federal income tax return and successfully imported federal tax information from the IRS to the FAFSA form.
- ☐ I will not file and am not required to file a 2024 federal income tax return.

Untaxed Income

Student	
\$	Child support received for all children. Do not include foster care or adoption payments.
\$	Foreign earned income exclusion (IRS Form 1040 Schedule 1; line 8d).

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Family Size

Family size includes the following:

- You (the student)
- The student's spouse, if applicable
- The student's dependent children if the following are true:
 - They live with the student (or live apart because of college enrollment),
 - They receive more than half of their support from the student, and
 - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year.
- Other persons if the following are true:
 - They live with the student,
 - They receive more than half of their support from the student, and
 - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student's parents during the award year.

The provided criteria for "dependent children" or "other persons" align with the requirement that family size align with whom the parent could claim as a dependent on a U.S. tax return if the parent were to file a U.S. tax return at the time of completing the 2026-27 FAFSA. As a result, the parent should not include any unborn children in the family size.

First & Last Name of Each Family Member	Age	Relationship to Student
You (the student)		Self

Certifications and Signatures

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct. The student whose information was reported on the FAFSA must sign and date. Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

Student Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

(signature must be in ink)

Spouse Signature (if applicable): _____

Date Signed: _____

(signature must be in ink)