



2017-2018 Verification Worksheet

Student Name _____ SS# _____ ECC ID# _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Your application was selected for review in a process called "Verification." Verification is a process governed by Federal and/or State regulations and is used to ensure that the information applicants report on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is accurate. In this process, Essex County College will compare information from your 2017-2018 FAFSA with this worksheet, if applicable, copies of 2015 U.S. Federal Income Tax Transcripts, or with W-2 forms or other financial documents. Information retrieved using the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Data Retrieval Process and not subsequently changed, is considered acceptable documentation for IRS-related information, and your IRS Federal Tax Return Transcript will not be required.

The law requires us to ask for this information before awarding Federal aid. If there are differences between your application information and your financial documents, Essex County College will need to make corrections. If you do not complete this form or submit all of the required documents requested, we will not be able to complete the processing of your financial aid. Feel free to contact the Office of Financial Aid at (973) 877-3200 if you have any questions. Please read and complete all sections below.

Additional Questions and or documents required by HESAA to determine STATE Aid. (Enter N/A or "\$0" if not applicable- Do NOT leave BLANK)

Attention! NJ State Applicant Information Request (AIR) Recipient's – It is strongly recommended that students respond directly to the State requests for additional information, ensuring processing to determine eligibility for grant and or scholarship (EOF, TAG, NJSTAR, etc.). Students may login to www.hesaa.org to **Report Additional Information for State Aid**.

Driver's License? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Issuing State: _____	and D.L. Number: _____
1. VA Educational Benefits received between 7/1/16 – 6/30/17:	Monthly amount: \$ _____	#of months: _____
2. 2015 Total Untaxed Social Security Benefits received:	Parent: \$ _____	Student: \$ _____
3. 2015 Taxable Social Security Benefits received:	Parent: \$ _____	Student: \$ _____
4. Earned Income Tax Credit received:	Parent: \$ _____	Student: \$ _____
5. 2015 Child Support received:	Parent: \$ _____	Student: \$ _____
6. 2015 Total TANF (Welfare) Benefits:	Parent: \$ _____	Student: \$ _____

SECTION 1: HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

List the people in your household based on your dependency status as indicated below. Also write the name of the college for any household member, excluding your legal parent(s), who will be attending a degree, diploma or a certificate program in college at least half time between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

DEPENDENT STUDENT STATUS – Include below:

- yourself, even if you don't live with your parents
- your legal parents, (biological or adoptive) regardless of the parents' marital status or gender, if your parents live together
- your legal parents other children if (a) your legal parents will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, or (b) the children could answer No to every question in Step 3 of the FAFSA
- other people if they now live with your legal parents, if your legal parents provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

INDEPENDENT STUDENT STATUS – Include below:

- yourself (and your spouse)
- your children, if you will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018
- other people if they now live with you, if you provide more than half of their support and you will continue to provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

#	FULL NAME (First and Last)	RELATIONSHIP	AGE	NAME OF COLLEGE
1.		SELF		ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				

SECTION 2: TAX FILERS MUST PROVIDE IRS TAX INFORMATION (2 OPTIONS)

- 1) If you did NOT retrieve and transfer your (and your spouse's, if married), and/or your legal parent(s)' income tax return information using the IRS Data Retrieval Process when initially completing the FAFSA on the Web, you can make corrections using FAFSA on the Web to subsequently transfer this information. If we receive a corrected FAFSA indicating that the transfer was successful, the 2015 IRS FEDERAL TAX TRANSCRIPT document request for you (and your spouse, if married) and/or your legal parent(s) will be removed. Check the status of this requirement on mvecc.essex.edu.
- 2) If you did not utilize the IRS Data Retrieval process to retrieve and transfer your information, you must submit a copy of your **2015 IRS FEDERAL TAX RETURN TRANSCRIPT**. Copies of **tax returns** (IRS 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ) **will no longer be accepted** with the exception of tax returns from Puerto Rico or foreign income tax returns. To request a copy of your 2015 IRS FEDERAL TAX RETURN TRANSCRIPT from the Internal Revenue Service, call (800) 908-9946 or go to www.irs.gov. If you amended your tax return after you filed, you must **also** provide a copy of the **2015 IRS FEDERAL TAX ACCOUNT TRANSCRIPT**.



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SECTION 3: NON-TAX FILERS MUST NOT LEAVE BLANK-enter -0-and "None" if applicable

If you, your parent(s), and/or your spouse did not file and are not required to file a 2015 U.S. Federal Income Tax Return, you must list below all employers and any income received in 2015 for you, your parent(s), and/or your spouse.

Attach copies of all 2015 W-2 forms issued to you. List every employer in "Source of Income" even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form. Attention: Copies of W-2 may be requested directly from the IRS if you misplaced your employer issued copy.

Table with 3 columns: Check the appropriate box (s) below, 2015 AMOUNT, SOURCE OF INCOME. Includes checkbox for student not filing and income reporting lines.

Use this space to explain why you have not included a W2 Form.

Table with 3 columns: Check the appropriate box (s) below, 2015 AMOUNT, SOURCE OF INCOME. Includes checkbox for spouse not filing and income reporting lines.

Use this space to explain why you have not included a W2 Form.

Table with 3 columns: Check the appropriate box (s) below, 2015 AMOUNT, SOURCE OF INCOME. Includes checkbox for dependent students not filing and income reporting lines.

Use this space to explain why you have not included a W2 Form.

Note: If your spouse is a non-tax filer, they must sign this verification worksheet.

CERTIFICATION

CERTIFICATION: By signing below, both student and parent(s) acknowledge and confirm that the above is complete and correct. If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

Student Spouse Date

Parent Date

Submit this completed signed worksheet along with copies of all required supporting document(s) to the Essex County College, Office of Financial Aid.

Make a copy of this worksheet and all tax transcripts (if applicable) for your records.