Your 2015–2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. The law says that before awarding Federal Student Aid, we may ask you to confirm the information you reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information we will compare your FAFSA with the information on this worksheet and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to the Gordon State College Financial Aid Office. We may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact us at 678-359-5990 as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

A. Independent Student’s Information

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<th>Student’s Last Name</th>
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<th>Student’s M.I.</th>
<th>Student’s Gordon State College ID Number</th>
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<th>Student’s Street Address (include apt. no.)</th>
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B. Independent Student’s Family Information

List below the people in your household. Include:

- Yourself.
- Your spouse, if you are married.
- Your children, if any, if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, or if the child would be required to provide your information if they were completing a FAFSA for 2015–2016. Include children who meet either of these standards, even if they do not live with you.
- Other people if they now live with you and you provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2016.

Include the name of the college for any household member who will be enrolled at least half time, in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at a postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016. If more space is needed, attach a separate page with your name and Gordon State College ID # at the top.

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<tr>
<th>Full Name</th>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Relationship</th>
<th>College</th>
<th>Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time</th>
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<td>Marty Jones(example)</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>Wife</td>
<td>Central University</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Self</td>
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C. Independent Student’s Income Information to Be Verified

1. **TAX RETURN FILERS**—The instructions below apply to the student and spouse, if the student is married. Notify the Gordon State College Financial Aid Office if the student or spouse filed separate IRS income tax returns for 2014 or had a change in marital status after the end of the 2014 tax year on December 31, 2014.

*Instructions*: Complete this section if the student and spouse filed or will file a 2014 IRS income tax return(s). The best way to verify income is by using the **IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT)** that is part of **FAFSA on the Web at FAFSA.gov**. In most cases, no further documentation is needed to verify 2014 IRS income tax return information that was transferred into the student’s FAFSA using the IRS DRT if that information was not changed.

In most cases, for **electronic filers**, 2014 IRS income tax return information for the IRS DRT is available **within 2-3 weeks** after the 2014 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. For **paper filers**, 2014 IRS income tax information for the IRS DRT is available **within 8-11 weeks** after the 2014 tax return has been received by the IRS.

Check the box that applies:

- [ ] The student has used the IRS DRT in **FAFSA on the Web** to transfer my (and, if married, my spouse’s) 2014 IRS income tax information into my FAFSA.
- [ ] The student has not yet used the IRS DRT in **FAFSA on the Web**, but will use the tool to transfer my (and, if married, my spouse’s) 2014 IRS income tax return information into my FAFSA once the 2014 IRS income tax return has been filed.
- [ ] The student is unable or choose not to use the IRS DRT in **FAFSA on the Web**, and instead will provide the school a **2014 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)**.

To obtain a **2014 IRS Tax Return Transcript**, go to **www.IRS.gov** and click on the “Order a Return or Account Transcript” link. Make sure to request the “IRS Tax Return Transcript” and not the “IRS Tax Account Transcript”. Use the Social Security Number and date of birth of the first person listed on the 2014 IRS income tax return, and the address on file with the IRS (normally this will be the address used on the 2014 IRS income tax return). It takes up to 2-3 weeks for IRS income information to be available for electronic IRS tax return filers, and up to 8-11 weeks for paper IRS tax return filers.

- [ ] Check here if a **2014 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** is attached to this worksheet.
- [ ] Check here if a **2014 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** will be submitted to Gordon State College later. Verification cannot be completed until the IRS tax return transcript(s) has been submitted to our office.

2. **TAX RETURN NONFILERS**—Complete this section if the student (and, if married, your spouse), will not file and are not required to file a 2014 income tax return with the IRS.

Check the box that applies:

- [ ] The student (and, if married, the student’s spouse) was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2014.
- [ ] The student (and/or the student’s spouse if married) was employed in 2014 and has listed below the names of all the employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2012, and whether an IRS W-2 form is attached. (Provide copies of all 2014 W-2 forms issued to you and, if married, to your spouse by employers). List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form.

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<tr>
<th>Employer’s Name</th>
<th>2014 Amount Earned</th>
<th>IRS W-2 Attached?</th>
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<td>Suzy’s Auto Body Shop (example)</td>
<td>$2,000.00</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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D. Independent Student’s Other Information to Be Verified

IF NO ONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVED SNAP (FOOD STAMPS), SKIP TO NUMBER 2.

1. SNAP Benefits-The student (and spouse if married) certify by completing this section that a member of the student’s household (any or all persons listed in Section B) received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) any time during the 2013 or 2014 calendar years.

NOTE: If Gordon State College Financial Aid Office personnel have reason to believe that the information regarding the receipt of SNAP benefits is inaccurate, we will require documentation from the agency that issued the SNAP Benefits in 2013 or 2014.

☐ One, any or all of the persons listed in Section B of this worksheet received SNAP benefits in 2013 or 2014

IF NO ONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD PAID CHILD SUPPORT IN 2014, SKIP TO E.

2. Child Support Paid in 2014-The student or spouse, who is a member of the student’s household, paid child support in 2014. List below the names of the persons who paid the child support, the names of the persons to whom the child support was paid, the names of the children for whom the child support was paid and the total annual amount of child support that was paid in 2014 for each child.

NOTE: If the Gordon State College Financial Aid Office personnel have reason to believe that the information regarding child support is not accurate, we will require additional documentation, such as:

- A copy of the separation agreement or divorce decree that shows the amount of child support to be provided;
- A statement from the individual receiving the child support certifying the amount of child support received;
- Copies of the child support payment checks or money order receipts.

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<th>Name of Person Who Paid Child Support</th>
<th>Name of Person to Whom Child Support was Paid</th>
<th>Name of Child for Whom Support Was Paid</th>
<th>Amount of Child Support Paid in 2014</th>
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<tr>
<td>Marty Jones(example)</td>
<td>Chris Smith</td>
<td>Terry Jones</td>
<td>$6,000.00</td>
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E. High School Completion Status

Provide one of the following documents that indicate the student’s high school completion status when the student will begin college in 2015–2016:

- A copy of the student’s high school diploma.
- A copy of the student’s final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
- A copy of the student’s General Educational Development (GED) certificate or GED transcript.
- For students who completed secondary education in a foreign country, a copy of the “secondary school leaving certificate” or other similar document.
- An academic transcript that indicates the student successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a Bachelor’s degree.
- If State law requires a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
- If State law does not require a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a transcript or the equivalent, signed by the student’s parent or guardian, that lists the secondary school courses the student completed and documents the successful completion of a secondary school education in a homeschool setting.

If the student is unable to obtain the documentation listed above, he or she must contact the Financial Aid Office.
F. Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (To Be Signed at the Institution)

The student must appear in person at ________________________________ to verify his or her identity by presenting a valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver’s license, other state-issued ID, or passport. The institution will maintain a copy of the student’s photo ID that is annotated with the date it was received and the name of the official at the institution authorized to collect the student’s ID.

In addition, the student must sign, in the presence of the institutional official, the following English or Spanish Statement:

**Statement of Educational Purpose**

I certify that I _____________________________ am the individual signing this Statement of Educational Purpose and that the federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending ________________________________ for 2015–2016.

______________________
(Student’s Gordon State College ID Number)
G. Certification and Signature
(Independent Student)

Certification and Signature

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

Print Student’s Name ___________________________ Student’s ID Number ___________________________

Student’s Signature (Required) ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Spouse’s Signature (Optional) ___________________________ Date ___________________________

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

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You should make a copy of this worksheet for your records.