

Verification Policy

Data Elements to be Verified

Students selected for verification will be placed in one of the five following groups. The group determines which FAFSA information must be verified for the student.

1. Standard verification Group: Tracking flag V1. Students in this group must verify the following they are tax filers:

- Adjusted gross income
- U.S. income tax paid
- Untaxed portions of IRA distributions
- Untaxed portions of pensions
- IRA deductions and payments
- Tax-exempt interest income
- Education credits
- Household size
- Number in college

Students who are not tax filers must verify the following:

- Income earned from work
- Household size
- Number in college

2. Custom Verification Group 2: Reserved (no longer in use)
3. Custom Verification Group 3: Reserved (no longer in use)
4. Custom Verification Group 4: Tracking flag V4. Students must verify high school completion status and identity/statement of education purpose
5. Aggregate Veridiction Group: Tracking flag V5. Students must verify high school completion status and identity/statement of education purpose in addition to the items in the Standard Verification Group (V1).

Discretionary Verification

CFCC may at its discretion, require a student to verify any FAFSA information and provide reasonable documentation. Discretion verification includes, but is not limited to, marital status, no or low income, and any information that is questionable and needs clarification.

Verification exclusions

CFCC does not verify FAFSA information of a student in the following situations:

- Death of the student. Verification is not continued if an interim disbursement was made and the student died before verification was completed.
- Not an aid recipient. The student will not receive Title IV aid for reasons other than a failure to complete verification. This includes being ineligible for that aid and withdrawing without receiving it.
- The applicant is eligible to receive only unsubsidized student financial assistance.

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- Post enrollment. A student was selected for verification after ceasing to be enrolled and all disbursements were made.

Conflicting & Inaccurate Information

Aid is not dispersed until all conflicting information has been resolved.

Sources of conflicting information include:

- Tax returns or schedules
- Federal tax transcripts
- Other information provided by the student to the Financial Aid Office
- Supplemental financial aid applications
- Other offices within the school
- Offices at educational institutions other than CFCC
- ED
- Scholarships and information from outside sources
- State agencies such as scholarship and vocational rehabilitation agencies, Workforce Investment Act offices, etc.
- Tips from outside sources
- Transcripts from other colleges
- SARs or ISIRs
- Verification
- C flags
- Reject codes
- Comment codes

Student Notification of Verification Changes

If there is a change in eligibility as a result of verification, the student can view the new award data in Self Service.