**2023-2024 Verification Worksheet for Independent Students**

Your 2023–2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. The law says we have the right to ask you for this information before awarding Federal aid. In this process, RMC will be comparing your FAFSA information with the information on this worksheet and any other required documents. If there are differences between your FAFSA information and your financial documents, RMC will make the corrections and notify you in writing. You must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit this form to the RMC Financial Aid office **as soon as possible** so your financial aid won’t be delayed. If you have questions about verification, please contact us. Verification must be completed no later than 14 days prior to the end of the first semester of enrollment. **Failure to complete verification will result in the cancellation of all federal and institutional need-based aid. No federal loans or grants or institutional need-based aid will be disbursed until verification is complete.**

**A. Independent Student’s Information**

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Student’s Last Name First Name M.I. Last 4 digits of Student’s Social Security #

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Student’s Street Address (include apt. no.) Student’s Date of Birth

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City State Zip Code Student’s Email Address

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Student’s Home Phone Number (include area code) Student’s Alternate or Cell Phone Number

**B. Number of Household Members and Number in College**

List below the people in your household. Include:

* Yourself.
* Your spouse, if you are married.
* Your or your spouse’s children if you or your spouse will provide more than half of the children’s support from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, even if a child does not live with you.
* Other people if they now live with you, and you or your spouse provide more than half of the other person’s support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2024.
* If any of the people in your household will be enrolled at least half time in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at an eligible postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, please list the name of the college.

If more space is needed, provide a separate page with the student’s name at the top.

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| Full Name | Age | Relationship | If attending college list the name of the college here | Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time (Yes/No) |
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Note: We may require additional documentation if we have reason to believe that the information regarding the household members enrolled in eligible postsecondary educational institutions is inaccurate.

**C. Student Verification of Income Information**

*The best way to verify income is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT*) *that is part o*f *FAFSA on the Web* *at FAFSA.gov.* In most cases, no further documentation is needed to verify 2021 income information that was transferred into the student’s FAFSA using the IRS DRT if that information was not changed. If you have not already used the IRS DRT, go to FAFSA.gov, log into your FAFSA record, and navigate to the Financial Information section of the form. From there, follow the instructions to determine if you are eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer 2021 IRS income tax information into your FAFSA.

If the IRS Data Retrieval Tool cannot or will not be used, an IRS Tax Return Transcript or a signed copy of the tax return and applicable schedules must be submitted to Rocky Mountain College. A 2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be obtained through:

* Get Transcript by Mail - Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), click "Get Your Tax Record." Then click “Get Transcript by Mail.” Make sure to request the “IRS Tax Return Transcript” and **NOT** the “IRS Tax Account Transcript.”
* Get Transcript Online – Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), click “Get Your Record”. Click “Get Transcript Online. Make sure to request the “IRS Tax Return Transcript” and **NOT** the “IRS Tax Account Transcript”. To use the Get Transcript Online tool, the user must have (1) access to a valid email address, (2) a text-enabled mobile phone (pay-as-you-go plans cannot be used) in the user’s name, and (3) specific financial account numbers (such as a credit card number or an account number for a home mortgage or auto loan). The transcript displays online upon successful completion of the IRS’s two-step authentication.
* Automated Telephone Request - 1-800-908-9946
* Paper Request Form - IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T

The transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS’s receipt of the request.

**STUDENT** - Notify the financial aid office if you had a change in marital status after December 31, 2021 or, if you were married prior to December 31, 2021 and you and your spouse filed separate IRS income tax returns for 2021. Check the box that applies**:**

* I, the student, have used the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web* to transfer 2021 IRS income tax return information into my FAFSA either on the initial FAFSA or when making a correction to the FAF*.*
* I, the student, have not yet used the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, but will use the tool to transfer 2021 IRS income tax return information into my FAFSA.
* I, the student, am unable or choose not to use the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, and instead will provide the school a 2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or a signed copy of the 2021 tax return, W-2s, and applicable schedules.
  + \_\_\_\_\_ Check here if a 2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) or signed copy is provided.
  + \_\_\_\_\_ Check here if a 2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript**(s)** or signed copy will be provided later.

\_\_\_\_\_ I did not and am not required to file a 2021 IRS tax return and will complete the Verification of 2021 Income Information for Student (and Spouse) Nontax Filers and have attached a “Verification of Nonfiling Letter” from the IRS dated on or after October 1, 2022, attesting that I did not file a 2021 IRS income tax return.

**D. Certifications and Signatures**

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported and any documents attached to this form are complete and correct.

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

Student’s Signature (required) Date

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Spouse’s Signature (Optional) Date

Submit this worksheet to the Rocky Mountain College Financial Aid Office, 1511 Poly Drive, Billings, MT 59102 Fax: 406.657.1189