



# Southwestern Michigan College

## 2025-2026 Independent Student Income (Non-Tax Filer)



Financial Aid Office, 58900 Cherry Grove Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047  
Phone: 269.783.2143 Fax 269.783.2114 Email: finaid@swmich.edu

Your 2025-2026 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 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 Financial Aid Office within 14 days. Financial aid will not be authorized to your account until the verification process is complete and your corrected file is back from the Federal Processor. You may be asked for additional information. If you have questions about verification, call 269-783-2143 as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student ID# N**

**Check the box that applies to the student:**

- I (and my spouse if married) was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2023.
- I (and/or my spouse if married) was employed or had other sources of income in 2023 but did not file, and **was not required** to file a 2023 income tax return with the IRS. List below the names of all employers and/or sources of income, the amount earned from each in 2023, and attach copies of all 2023 IRS W-2 forms issued to the student (and/or spouse if married) by employers. **THIS IS REQUIRED.** If you need a replacement W2, contact your employer. List every employer even if they did not issue an IRS W-2 form. *If more space is needed, attach a separate page with the student's name and ID# at the top.*

Employer's Name/Sources of Income	2023 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 Attached?

**Verification of non-filing from the IRS:**

Independent students (and spouses if married) who did not file and were not required to file a tax return must provide documentation from the IRS dated on or after December 1, 2024 that indicates a 2023 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS or other relevant tax authority. Instructions on how to obtain a **Verification of Non-filing Letter** from the IRS are found on page two of this document. A Verification of Non-filing Letter must be submitted along with this worksheet for the student (and spouse if applicable).

**Check the box that applies:**

- Check here if IRS Verification of Non-filing Letter(s) is attached.
  - Check here if IRS Verification of Non-filing Letter(s) will be provided later. *(Financial Aid will not be processed until IRS verification of non-filing is received.)*
- Check here if you have attempted to obtain the Verification of Non-filing Letter(s) from the IRS or other tax authorities and were unable to obtain the required documentation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

The person signing this worksheet certifies that all of the information reported on it is complete and correct. Please note that submission of this form electronically should be encrypted to protect any personal or confidential information.

## How to Request an IRS Verification of Non-filing Letter

An IRS Verification of Non-filing Letter provides proof that the IRS has no record of a filed Form 1040 or 1040-SR for the tax year requested. For the 2025-2026 year, you will be requesting verification for 2023. Non tax filers can request a Verification of Non-filing Letter, free of charge, from the IRS.

### To Request A Verification of Non-filing Letter from the IRS:

#### Online Request

- Go to <https://www.irs.gov> and click on “Get your tax record” then “Get Transcript Online.”
- Follow the instructions to create an account login.
- Once your account is established, you will be able to print a pdf copy of the Verification of Non-filing Letter.

#### Paper Request

- Complete IRS Form [4506T](#).
- Enter name, Social Security Number, and address of the person requesting the verification of non-filing. Do not list SMC as a third party when requesting your letter. You should have the IRS send the letter directly to you; then submit a copy to SMC.
- Check the box on the right side for #7, “Verification of Nonfiling.”
- Enter the ending date of the tax year you’re requesting. For the 2025-2026 academic year, you are requesting verification of the tax year ending **12/31/2023**.
- Sign, date, and provide your phone number at the bottom of the form.
- Mail or fax your completed form to the address listed in the form instructions for your state of residence. Your Verification of Non-filing Letter should be sent to you within 5-10 days.

After you receive the Verification Non-Filing letter from the IRS:

- Write the student name and SMC ID # on the IRS letter.
- Keep a copy for your records.
- Submit the IRS Non-Filing Letter to the Financial Aid Office with your other verification documents.

Fax: 269-783-2114

Email: [finaid@swmich.edu](mailto:finaid@swmich.edu)

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