OFFICE OF SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID 2025-2026 INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION FORM

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SECTION I – STUDENT IDENTIFICATION

Your FAFSA application was selected by the government for review in a process called "verification" which is required under Federal Financial Aid Program rules. Failure to provide requested verification documents may result in not being awarded financial aid; cancellation of an existing award; or funds not applying to your account. For more information regarding the verification process, please visit <u>www.ferris.edu/verification</u>. If you need further assistance, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

YOU MUST COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THIS DOCUMENT. <u>INCOMPLETE DOCUMENTS WILL BE RETURNED OR</u> <u>REJECTED.</u>

Student Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Student ID #		
Permanent Address (include Apt. No.)			Date of Birth		
City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number (include area code)		

SECTION II – TAX DOCUMENTATION

TAX DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS AND SPOUSES WHO WORKED or FILED a 2023

Federal Tax Return. The specific documentation required depends on whether or not the taxpayer filed a federal tax return. For detailed instructions for providing tax documentation, please visit ferris.edu/dr.

YOU MUST INDICATE THE APPROPRIATE TAX STATUS BELOW FOR BOTH THE STUDENT AND YOUR SPOUSE IF YOU ARE MARRIED. Please select only one option for each column.

Student	Spouse	
		Filed a 2023 federal tax return and has or will complete IRS Direct Data Exchange in the FAFSA or Will submit a 2023 Tax Return Transcript or SIGNED federal 1040 tax returns.
		Worked in 2023 but not required to file a federal tax return. Student (and spouse if applicable) must submit copies of ALL 2023 W2(s) and a verification of Non-filing letter from <u>the IRS.</u> For instructions visit ferris.edu/IRS
		Did NOT work in 2023, was not required to and did not file a 2023 federal tax return. Student (and spouse if applicable) <u>must submit a verification of Non-filing letter from the IRS.</u> ferris.edu/IRS

If you and your spouse filed taxes separately, you must both provide tax returns/transcripts

SECTION III – FAMILY INFORMATION July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Enter your (student's) name and age in this section:

Student's Name	Age	Relationship to Student	Name of College
		SELF	Ferris State University

Enter your spouse's name and age (if you are currently married) in this section:

Spouse's Name	Age	Relationship to Student	
		SPOUSE	

Enter the names, ages, and relationship to you (student), of your <u>legal dependents</u> other than your spouse. A legal dependent is some one that you will provide more than 50% of the support for between July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

Legal Dependent's Name (Do not list yourself or your spouse in this section)	Age	Relationship to Student	

SECTION IV- CERTIFICATION

By signing this form, I certify that all the above information is complete and correct. Student (and spouse if applicable) must sign and date in **ink**. <u>Electronic or typed signatures are NOT acceptable</u>.

Student

Date

Spouse

Date