

# 2020-2021 FAFSA Verification Process

*Verification is a secondary part of the federal process designed to confirm information on your FAFSA.*

Don't worry if you are selected for verification because it does not mean you have done anything wrong. The federal government selects about 1/3 of students for verification; and below are some reasons why:

- Randomly chosen.
- FAFSA contains estimated information.
- Incomplete FAFSA.
- Inconsistencies were found with information provided on FAFSA.
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If EMCC finds differences between the data you reported on your FAFSA and the documentation you submitted us, we will make corrections to your FAFSA and notify you via email.

To see what documentations are required, go to your MyEMCC Financial Aid documents tab, [https://my.emcc.edu/ICS/Financial\\_Aid/](https://my.emcc.edu/ICS/Financial_Aid/).

Examples of verification related documents:

- **2020-2021** Verification Worksheet
- **2018** Student IRS Tax Return Transcript (**OR** a SIGNED copy of their 2018 Federal Income Tax return.)
- **2018** Parent Tax Return Transcript (**OR** a SIGNED copy of their 2018 Federal Income Tax return)
- **Verification of Non-Filing Letter from the IRS (for non-tax filers) or EMCC Self-Certification of Non-Tax Filer Statement**

The US Department of Education requires EMCC to use the IRS 2018 Tax Return Transcript or signed copy of the 2018 Federal Income Tax return for income verification.

**Typical Student Question:** “How long do I have to complete these steps?”

**Answer:** In order to receive a financial aid award, with all possible funding, submit all required documentation within 14 days of receiving our request.

**Students eligible for Federal Pell Grant must** submit their required documents by 60 days from their last date of class attendance **OR** August 31, **2021** -- whichever comes first. This deadline includes making any necessary corrections to the FAFSA, submitting those corrections to the federal processor, and receiving confirmation in return.

**Typical Student Question:** “How long will it be before I receive my financial aid award?”

**Answer:** The verification review process may take 1-3 weeks. Once completed, your “Official Financial Aid Award Letter” will be emailed to you from [finaid@emcc.edu](mailto:finaid@emcc.edu).

**Typical Student Question:** “Will I receive a loan?”

**Answer:** Most students are eligible for a Federal Direct Loan. The amount you can request as well as instructions on how to apply for the loan will be included in your “Official Financial Aid Award Letter” sent from EMCC.

***Failure to submit required documentation may jeopardize receipt of your federal aid.***

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