

2023-2024 IRS Tax Verification Process

IRS Data Retrieval Tool:

Completing the IRS DRT when you initially file the FAFSA:

- Log into <u>www.fafsa.gov</u> and begin the application. Once to the "Financial Information" section, you will be asked if you have or have not filed your taxes. If you have already filed your taxes (at least 10 days prior), you <u>may</u> have the option to use the IRS DRT.
 - **NOTE:** Parental information requires separate IRS access and can only be done by the parent. If you have not yet filed your taxes and select the "will file taxes" option, you cannot use the IRS Data Retrieval at this time.
- Click "Link to IRS" and then "OK." You will be transferred to the IRS website.
- Enter the requested information and click "Submit." Be sure to enter your address exactly as shown on your taxes.
- Your IRS tax information will be displayed. Check the box near "Transfer My Tax Information into the FAFSA" and then click "Transfer Now."
- Questions that are populated with IRS tax information will be marked with "Transferred from the IRS."
 - **NOTE:** If you make changes to data that was transferred, the retrieval process is voided.
- Be sure to complete and electronically sign (if a dependent student, one parent also needs to electronically sign) and submit your FAFSA.
- If the data transfer is successful, the school(s) listed on the FAFSA will be notified within 3-5 business days.

Completing the IRS DRT <u>after</u> the FAFSA has already been submitted:

- Log back into <u>www.fafsa.gov</u> at least 10 days after you have electronically filed taxes.
- Click on "Make FAFSA Corrections" located near the bottom of the page.
- Click on the "Financial Information" tab. NOTE: If dependent student, both the student and parent must update their own tax information.
- Change answer from "Will File" taxes to "Already Completed" taxes.
- If you are eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval, click "Link to IRS" and then "OK." You will be transferred to the IRS website.
- Enter the requested information and click "Submit." Be sure to enter your address exactly as shown on your taxes.
- Your IRS tax information will be displayed. Check the box near "Transfer My Tax Information into the FAFSA" and then click "Transfer Now."
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IRS Tax Return Transcript:

Get Transcript by MAIL or Online via online request:

- Go to https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript and click on "Get Transcript ONLINE" or "Get Transcript by Mail." and enter the tax filer's information.
 - NOTE: Use the address currently on file with the IRS. This will be the address that was listed on the latest tax return filed.
- "Get a Transcript by mail" Click "Continue."
- In the Type of Transcript field, select Return Transcript (NOT an Account Transcript) and in the Tax Year field, select 2021.
- If successfully validated, you can expect to receive a paper IRS Tax Return Transcript mailed to your address in 5 to 10 days.
- Or click on "Get a Transcript ONLINE" and follow directions.

Get Transcript by MAIL via telephone request:

- Contact the IRS by calling 1-800-908-9946 and follow the prompts.
- Select Option 2 to request an IRS Tax Return Transcript and then enter 2021.
- If successfully validated, tax filers can expect to receive a paper IRS Tax Return Transcript at their address within 5 to 10 days.
- If you need further assistance, press "0" to speak to an IRS Representative.
- Once the tax return transcript is received, submit a copy to the school(s) via email, fax, mail or delivered in person.

Get a Verification of Non-Filing Letter: Go to the above website and follow directions to request a non-filing letter or call 1-800-829-1040.