

## INDEPENDENT STUDENT STATEMENT

**1. Were you born before January 1, 1988?**  Yes  No

**2. As of today, are you married?** (if yes, please provide documentation)  Yes  No

Answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.

"As of today" refers to the day that you sign your FAFSA.

**3. At the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate, etc.)?**

Yes  No

**4. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?** (if yes, please provide documentation)  Yes  No

**5. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?**

Answer "Yes" (you are a veteran) if you (1) have engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard) or are a National Guard or Reserve enlistee who was called to active duty for other than state or training purposes, or were a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, **and** (2) were released under a condition other than dishonorable. Also answer "Yes" if you are not a veteran now but will be by June 30, 2012. Answer "No" (you are not a veteran) if you (1) have never engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, (2) are currently an ROTC student or a cadet or midshipman at a service academy, (3) are a National Guard or Reserve enlistee activated only for state or training purposes, or (4) were engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces but released under

dishonorable conditions. (if yes, please provide documentation)

Yes  No

**6. Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012?** (if yes, please provide documentation)  Yes  No

**7. Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2012?**

(if yes, please provide documentation)

Yes  No

**8. At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?**

Answer "Yes" if you had no living parent (biological or adoptive) at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are now adopted. Answer "Yes" if you were in foster care at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer in foster care as of today. Answer "Yes" if you were a dependent or ward of the court at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court as of today. Note that the IWU Financial Aid Office may require you to provide proof that you were in foster care or a dependent or ward of the court.

(if yes, please provide documentation)

Yes  No

For the following questions, answer "Yes" if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today you are an emancipated minor or are in legal guardianship. Also answer "Yes" if you can provide a copy of a court's decision that you were an emancipated minor or were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.

**9. Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?** (if yes, please provide documentation)  Yes  No

**10. Are you or were you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?** (if yes, please provide documentation)  Yes  No

**If yes, how much financial support did your legal guardian(s) provide in 2010 and how much do they plan to provide in 2011?** 2010 \_\_\_\_\_ 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

For the following questions, answer "Yes" if you received a determination at any time on or after July 1, 2010, that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of being homeless.  
"Homeless" means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you had nowhere else to go.  
"Unaccompanied" means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.  
"Youth" means you are 21 years of age or younger or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you sign the FAFSA.

**11. At any time on or after July 1, 2010, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?**  
(if yes, please provide documentation)  Yes  No

**12. At any time on or after July 1, 2010, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?**  
(if yes, please provide documentation)  Yes  No

**13. At any time on or after July 1, 2010, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?**  
(if yes, please provide documentation)  Yes  No

**If you answered "No" to all of these questions but still believe you should be declared independent, please explain:**

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**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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



# 2011-2012 Verification Worksheet

## Federal Student Aid Programs

FORM APPROVED  
OMB NO. 1845-0041

Your application was selected for review in a process called "Verification." In this process, your school will be comparing information from your application with signed copies of your (and your spouse's, if you are married) 2010 Federal tax forms, or with W-2 forms or other financial documents. The law says we have the right to ask you for this information before awarding Federal aid. If there are differences between your application information and your financial documents, you or your school may need to make corrections electronically or by using your Student Aid Report (SAR).

Complete this verification form and submit it to your financial aid administrator as soon as possible, so that your financial aid won't be delayed. Your financial aid administrator will help you.

### What you should do

1. Collect your (and your spouse's) financial documents (signed Federal income tax forms, W-2 forms, etc.).
2. Talk to your financial aid administrator if you have questions about completing this worksheet.
3. Complete and sign the worksheet.
4. Submit the completed worksheet, tax forms, and any other documents your school requests to your financial aid administrator.
5. Your financial aid administrator will compare information on this worksheet and any supporting documents with the information you submitted on your application. You or your school may need to make corrections electronically or by using your SAR.

### A. Student Information

Last name

First name

M.I.

Social Security Number

Address (include apt. no.)

Date of birth

City

State

ZIP Code

Phone number (include area code)

### B. Family Information

List the people in your household, including:

- yourself, and your spouse if you have one, and
- your children, if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, even if they do not live with you, and;
- other people if they now live with you, and you provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Write the names of all household members in the space(s) below. Also write in the name of the college for any household member, excluding your parent(s), who will be attending at least half time between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012, and will be enrolled in a degree, diploma, or certificate program. If you need more space, attach a separate page.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College
Martha Jones (example)	24	Wife	City University
		Self	

**C. Student's Tax Forms and Income Information (all applicants)****Independent**

1. Check only one box below. Tax returns include the 2010 IRS Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, a tax return from Puerto Rico or a foreign income tax return. If you did not keep a copy of your tax return, request a copy from your tax preparer or request an Internal Revenue Service form that lists tax account information.

- Check here if you are attaching a signed copy of your tax return.
- Check here if a signed tax return will be submitted to the school by \_\_\_\_\_ (date).
- Check here if you will not file and are not required to file a 2010 U.S. Income Tax Return.

2. Funds received for child support and other untaxed income. (See Question 44 of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).)

Sources of Untaxed Income	2010 Amount	Sources of Untaxed Income	2010 Amount
a. Child Support	\$	d.	\$
b. Workman's Compensation	\$	e.	\$
c. Untaxed Pensions	\$	f.	\$

3. If you did not file and are not required to file a 2010 Federal income tax return, list below your employer(s) and any income received in 2010 (use the W-2 form or other earnings statements if available).

Sources	2010 Income
	\$
	\$
	\$

**D. Spouse's Tax Forms and Income Information (if student is married)**

1. Check only one box below. Tax returns include the 2010 IRS Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, a tax return from Puerto Rico or a foreign income tax return. If your spouse did not keep a copy of the tax return, request a copy from the tax preparer or request an Internal Revenue Service form that lists tax account information.

- Check here if you are attaching a signed copy of your and your spouse's joint tax return.
- Check here and attach spouse's signed tax return if your spouse filed a separate return.
- Check here if a signed spouse's tax return will be submitted to the school by \_\_\_\_\_ (date).
- Check here if your spouse will not file and is not required to file a 2010 U.S. Income Tax Return.

2. Funds received for child support and other untaxed income. (See Question 44 of the FAFSA.)

Sources of Untaxed Income	2010 Amount	Sources of Untaxed Income	2010 Amount
a. Child Support	\$	d.	\$
b. Workman's Compensation	\$	e.	\$
c. Untaxed Pensions	\$	f.	\$

3. If your spouse did not file and is not required to file a 2010 Federal income tax return, list below your spouse's employer(s) and any income received in 2010 (use the W-2 form or other earnings statements if available).

Sources	2010 Income
	\$
	\$
	\$

**E. Sign this Worksheet**

Each person signing this form certifies that all the information reported on it is complete and correct. If married, spouse's signature is optional.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse Date

Do not mail this worksheet to the Department of Education. Submit this worksheet to your Financial Aid Administrator at your school. Don't forget to sign your tax forms.