

Print Student's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Banner ID#: 900 _____

Your 2017-2018 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, the PCOM Office of Financial Aid may ask you to confirm the information you reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information, our office will compare your FAFSA with the information on this institutional verification document and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You must complete and sign this institutional verification document, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to the PCOM Office of Financial Aid. We may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact us as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

A. Verification of 2015 IRS Income Tax Return Information for Student/Spouse Tax Filers

Important Note: The instructions below apply to the student and spouse, if the student is married. Notify the financial aid office if the student or spouse filed separate IRS income tax returns for 2015 or had a change in marital status after the end of the 2015 tax year on December 31, 2015.

Instructions: Complete this section if the student and spouse filed or will file a 2015 IRS income tax return(s). *The best way to verify income is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT) that is part of the FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.gov.* In most cases, no further documentation is needed to verify 2015 IRS income tax return information that was transferred into the student's FAFSA using the IRS DRT if that information was not changed.

In most cases, for electronic filers, 2015 IRS income tax return information for the IRS DRT is available within 2-3 weeks after the 2015 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2015 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2015 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT within 6-8 weeks after the 2015 paper IRS income tax return has been received by the IRS. Contact the PCOM Office of Financial Aid if more information is needed about using the IRS DRT.

Check the box that applies:

- The student and spouse will not file and are not required to file a 2015 income tax return with the IRS (**complete step B for non-tax filers**).
- The student has used the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web* to transfer 2015 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA.
- The student has not yet used the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, but will use the tool to transfer 2015 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA once the 2015 IRS income tax return has been filed. Please remember it will take 2-3 weeks for the IRS DRT to become available after you file your taxes.
- The student is unable or chooses not to use the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, and instead will provide the school a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)**. The student's signature is not required on the IRS Tax Return Transcript. Please note the IRS Tax Return Transcript is **NOT** the same as a copy of the original tax return.

To obtain a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript**, go to www.irs.gov and under the Tools heading click "Get a tax transcript." Mail." Then click "Get Transcript by MAIL." Or call 1-800-908-9946. **Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and not the "IRS Tax Account Transcript."** Use the Social Security Number and date of birth of the first person listed on the 2015 IRS income tax return, and the address on file with the IRS (normally this will be the address used on the 2015 IRS income tax return). In most cases, for electronic filers, a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript** may be requested from the IRS within 2-3 weeks after the 2015 IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2015 paper IRS income tax returns, the **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript** may be requested within 6-8 weeks after the 2015 paper IRS income tax return has been received by the IRS. If the student and spouse filed separate 2015 IRS income tax returns, **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcripts** must be provided for both.

Please check one:

- Check here if a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** is provided.
- Check here if a **2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** will be provided later.

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GA-PCOM students return this form to the GA campus financial aid office via email (gafinaid@pcom.edu), fax (678-225-7526), or mail (GA-PCOM, Financial Aid Office, 625 Old Peachtree Road NW, Suwanee, GA 30024).

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Verification of 2015 IRS Income Tax Return Information for Individuals with Unusual Circumstances

Individuals Granted a Filing Extension by the IRS

An individual who is required to file a 2015 IRS income tax return and has been granted a filing extension by the IRS, must provide:

- A copy of IRS Form 4868, “Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return,” that was filed with the IRS for tax year 2015;
- A copy of the IRS's approval of an extension beyond the automatic six-month extension if the individual requested an additional extension of the filing time for tax year 2015;
- Verification of Non-filing Letter (confirmation that the tax return has not yet been filed) from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2016;
- A copy of IRS Form W-2 for each source of employment income received for tax year 2015 and,
- If self-employed, a signed statement certifying the amount of the individual's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) and the U.S. income tax paid for tax year 2015.

Individuals Who Filed an Amended IRS Income Tax Return

An individual who filed an amended IRS income tax return for tax year 2015 must provide:

- A 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript (that will only include information from the original tax return and does not have to be signed), or any other IRS tax transcript(s) that includes all of the income and tax information required to be verified; **and**
- A signed copy of the 2015 IRS Form 1040X, “Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return,” that was filed with the IRS.

Individuals Who Were Victims of IRS Identity Theft

An individual who was the victim of IRS tax-related identity theft must provide:

- A Tax Return DataBase View (TRDBV) transcript obtained from the IRS, or any other IRS tax transcript(s) that includes all of the income and tax information required to be verified; **and**
- A statement signed and dated by the tax filer indicating that he or she was a victim of IRS tax-related identity theft and that the IRS is aware of the tax-related identity theft.

Individuals Who Filed Non-IRS Income Tax Returns

- A tax filer who filed an income tax return with Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands may provide a signed copy of his or her income tax return that was filed with the relevant tax authority. However, if we question the accuracy of the information on the signed copy of the income tax return, the tax filer must provide us with a copy of the tax account information issued by the relevant tax authority before verification can be completed.
- A tax filer who filed an income tax return with the tax authority for American Samoa must provide a copy of his or her tax account information.
- A tax filer who filed an income tax return with tax authorities not mentioned above, i.e. a foreign tax authority, and who indicates that he or she is unable to obtain the tax account information free of charge, must provide documentation that the tax authority charges a fee to obtain that information, along with a signed copy of his or her income tax return that was filed with the relevant tax authority.

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B. Verification of 2015 Income Information for Student/Spouse Nontax Filers

The instructions and certifications below apply to the student and spouse, if the student is married. **Only complete this section if the student and spouse will not file and are not required to file a 2015 income tax return with the IRS.**

Check the box that applies:

- The student and spouse were not employed and had no income earned from work in 2015.
- The student and/or spouse were employed in 2015 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2015, and whether an IRS W-2 form is provided.
 - o Provide copies of all 2015 IRS W-2 forms issued to the student and spouse by their employers.
 - o List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form.
 - o If more space is needed, provide a separate page with the student's name and ID number at the top.
 - o **Only complete this section if the student and spouse will not file and are not required to file a 2015 income tax return with the IRS.**

Employer's Name	2015 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 Provided?
<i>Suzy's Auto Body Shop (example)</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>	<i>Yes</i>
Total Amount of Income Earned From Work:	\$	

Provide documentation from the IRS or other relevant tax authority dated on or after October 1, 2016 that indicates a 2015 IRS income tax return was not filed with the IRS or other relevant tax authority.

- Check here if confirmation of nonfiling is provided.
- Check here if confirmation of nonfiling will be provided later.

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C. Number of Household Members and Number in College

List below the people in the student's household. For any household member who will also be enrolled at least half time in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at an eligible postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2018, include the name of the college. Include:

- The student.
- The student's spouse, if the student is married.
- The student's or spouse's children if the student or spouse will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, even if the children do not live with the student.
- Other people if they now live with the student and the student or spouse provides more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2018.

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Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time (Yes or No)
		<i>Self</i>		

Note: We may require additional documentation if we have reason to believe that the information regarding the household members enrolled in eligible postsecondary educational institutions is inaccurate.

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D. High School Completion Status

Provide one of the following documents that indicate the student's high school completion status.

Please check the document that you are providing a copy of:

- A copy of the student's high school diploma.
- A copy of the student's final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
- For students who completed secondary education in a foreign country, a copy of the "secondary school leaving certificate" or other similar document.
- A state certificate or transcript received by a student after the student passed a State-authorized examination that the State recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma (GED test, HiSET, TASC, or other State-authorized examination).
- An academic transcript that indicates the student successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree.
- For a student who was homeschooled in a state where state law requires the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschooling (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
- DD Form 214 — Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty — If the DD Form 214 indicates the individual is a high school graduate or equivalent.
- For a student who was homeschooled in a state where state law does not require the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschooling (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a transcript, or the equivalent, signed by the student's parent or guardian, that lists the secondary school courses the student completed and includes a statement that the student successfully completed a secondary school education in a homeschool setting.
- The PCOM Admissions Office already has one of these documents on file.
- The PCOM Financial Aid Office already verified my High School Completion status in a prior academic year.

If the student is unable to obtain the documentation listed above, he or she must contact the PCOM Office of Financial Aid.

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E. Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

(TO BE SIGNED AT THE INSTITUTION OR IN FRONT OF A NOTARY PUBLIC)

The student must appear in person at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine Financial Aid Office to verify his or her identity by presenting valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport. The institution will maintain a copy of the student's photo ID that is annotated with the date it was received and the name of the official at the institution authorized to collect the student's ID.

In addition, the student must sign the following box, in the presence of an institutional financial aid official or notary public. If the student is unable to sign this document in-person at the PCOM Office of Financial Aid, contact your banking institution as they often have a notary public service available.

Statement of Educational Purpose	
<p>I certify that I _____ am the individual signing this (Print Student's Name) Statement of Educational Purpose and that the federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine for 2017-2018.</p>	
<p>_____ (Student's Signature)</p>	<p>_____ (Date)</p>
<p>_____ (Student's ID Number)</p>	

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

To be signed by PCOM financial aid staff member or notary public:

I have verified the student's identity and witnessed their signature. Please make copy of valid government ID.

 (Print name of financial aid staff member or public notary)

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 (Date)

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F. Certifications and Signatures

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct. The student whose information was reported on the FAFSA must sign and date.

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Print Student's Name	Student's Banner ID #

Student's Signature	Date

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