

Verification of 2020 Tax Transcript Retrieval

Instructions: Complete this section if the student, spouse, or parent filed or will file a 2020 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 FAFSA on the Web at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov).* In most cases, no further documentation is needed to verify 2020 income information that was transferred into the student's FAFSA using the IRS DRT if that information was not changed by the FAFSA filer.

Student/Spouse - Check the box that applies:

- The student has used the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web* to transfer 2020 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 2020 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA.
- The student is unable or chooses not to use the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, and instead will provide the school with a **2020 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)**.

Parent - Check the box that applies:

- The parents have used the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web* to transfer 2020 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA.
- The parents have not yet used the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, but will use the tool to transfer 2020 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA.
- The parents are unable or choose not to use the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, and instead will provide the school with a **2020 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)**.

A 2020 IRS Tax Return Transcript may be obtained through:

- Get Transcript by MAIL – Go to www.irs.gov, under the Tools heading, click "Get a tax transcript." Click "Get Transcript by MAIL." Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and **NOT** the "IRS Tax Account Transcript." The transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the online request.
- Get Transcript ONLINE – Go to www.irs.gov, under the Tools heading, click "Get a tax transcript." Click "Get Transcript ONLINE." Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and **NOT** the "IRS Tax Account Transcript." To use the Get Transcript Online tool, the user must have (1) access to a valid email address, (2) a text-enabled mobile phone (pay-as-you-go plans cannot be used) in the user's name, and (3) specific financial account numbers (such as a credit card number or an account number for a home mortgage or auto loan). The transcript displays online upon successful completion of the IRS's two-step authentication.
- Automated Telephone Request – 1-800-908-9946. Transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the telephone request.
- Paper Request Form – IRS Form 4506T-EZ or IRS Form 4506-T. The transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the paper request form.

*If the parents filed separate 2020 IRS income tax returns, the IRS DRT cannot be used and the **2020 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** must be provided for each.