

# INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION WORKSHEET 2026-2027

Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected by the Department of Education for review in a process called Verification. The law states that before awarding Federal Student Aid, we may ask you to confirm the information you reported on your 2026-2027 FAFSA. This process compares data from your FAFSA with the information on this worksheet and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You and your spouse must complete and sign this worksheet and submit any other requested documents to the Bethel University Office of Financial Aid.

## A. STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Student I.D.

  

Email Address	Phone Number

## B. FAMILY INFORMATION

In the table below, list the people in your household and include:

- **Yourself and your spouse (if applicable).**
- **Your children or your spouse's children** if they now live with you (or live apart due to a period of temporary absence such as college enrollment), you provide more than half of their support, and you will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2027.
- **Other people if they now live with you**, you provide more than half of their support, and you will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2027.

Full Name	Age	Relationship to Student

## C. STUDENT INCOME INFORMATION

### DID YOU (THE STUDENT) FILE A 2024 TAX RETURN?

☐ YES

If yes, COMPLETE Section 1 and SKIP Section 2

☐ NO

If no, SKIP section 1 and COMPLETE Section 2

**SECTION 1: STUDENT TAX RETURN FILERS ONLY** (This section is only for students and their spouses, if applicable, who filed a 2024 tax return.)

Select only **ONE** of the following:

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I (and/or my spouse, if applicable) used the Direct Data Exchange on the 2025-26 FAFSA and successfully transferred my 2024 income data.

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I (and/or my spouse, if applicable) filed a US Tax Return and will submit a signed copy of the 2024 income tax return with applicable schedules or a 2024 Tax Return Transcript from the IRS (via [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)) to the Bethel University Office of Financial Aid.

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I (and/or my spouse, if applicable) filed a non-US (foreign) tax return and will submit a signed copy of the 2024 tax return that was filed with my relevant tax authority to the Bethel University Office of Financial Aid.

### SECTION 2: STUDENT NON-TAX RETURN FILERS ONLY

a. If you or your spouse (if applicable) **did not** file a 2024 Tax Return, check all applicable box(es) below:

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I was not employed and earned no income from work in 2024.

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I was employed in 2024, but did not file and was not required to file a 2024 Tax Return.

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My spouse was not employed and earned no income from work in 2024.

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My spouse was employed in 2024, but did not file and was not required to file a 2024 Tax Return.

b. If you or your spouse earned income in 2024, list all sources and amounts of earnings, other income, and resources that supported you in 2024 in the table below. Be sure to submit all W-2 forms received to the Bethel University Office of Financial Aid.

Source of Income	Amount earned in 2024	Income recipient (i.e. self or spouse)	Explanation if no W-2 provided

## D. CERTIFICATIONS AND SIGNATURES

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported on this form is complete and correct. The student and spouse (if applicable) whose information was reported on the FAFSA, must sign and date below. If you and your spouse filed a joint 2024 Tax Return, the student signature alone is acceptable.

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Student Signature (No Digital Signatures)

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Date

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Spouse Signature - Optional (No Digital Signatures) Date

**Return verification form(s), along with appropriate documentation if requested above, to:**

Office of Financial Aid • Bethel University • 3900 Bethel Drive • St. Paul, MN 55112 •

phone: 651.638.6241 • 1.800.255.8706 ext. 6241

web: [bethel.edu/financial-aid](http://bethel.edu/financial-aid) (use secure document upload tool)