**Financial Aid Office**

Email: Financialaid@pierce.ctc.edu

**2025-2026 Independent Verification Worksheet (V5)**

Your 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected 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 FAFSA. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may be corrected. **We may ask for additional information and will contact you though your student email and/or ctc message center.**

**Be sure to complete ALL sections of this form. Any delay in submitting this form in its entirety, along with all required documents will delay having financial aid disbursed. You must complete, sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit it to the financial aid office at Pierce College.**

# Student’s Information

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Last Name First Name

Office Use Only:

Date Form Received: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Current ISIR #\_\_\_\_ FA Initials: \_\_\_\_

# Student’s Household Information

List below the people in your household. Be sure to include:

* + Yourself
	+ Your spouse, if married.
	+ Your and/or your spouse’s children if you and/or your spouse will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, even if the child does not live with you.
	+ 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 through June 30, 2026.

Include the name of the college for any household member who will be enrolled, at least half time in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at a postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Full Name** | **Age** | **Relationship** | **College** | **Will be Enrolled at Least Half Time** |
| *Marty Jones(example)* | *21* | *Brother* | *Pierce College* | *Yes* |
|  |  | *Self* |  |  |
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Office Use Only: # in Family\_\_\_\_\_ # in College\_\_\_\_

# Student’s Income Information

# Check only ONE box below that applies. Please read all options carefully before making your selection:

# I (and spouse if applicable) have attached my 2023 Tax Return Transcript (See instructions below), or a signed copy of my 2023 income tax return 1040

# I (and spouse, if applicable) filed separately and have attached both mine and my spouse’s 2023 Tax Return Transcript (See instructions below), or a signed copy of our 2023 income tax return 1040

# I (and spouse, if applicable) have successfully used the FAFSA’s IRS (Internal Revenue Service) Data Retrieval Tool to load and submit my income information onto the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

# I (and my spouse – if applicable) was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2023. I will submit a “Verification of Nonfiling Letter” to the Financial Aid Office.

* + - Please submit the 4506-T form to the IRS To receive the Verification of Nonfiling Letter. <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4506t.pdf> - you will want to check box 7.
* I (and my spouse – if applicable) was employed in 2023 but will not and am not required to file a 2023 income tax return with the IRS. I will submit a “Verification of Nonfiling Letter” to the Financial Aid Office and a copy of my 2023 W2s as follows:
	+ - Please submit the 4506-T form to the IRS To receive the Verification of Nonfiling Letter. <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4506t.pdf> - you will want to check box 7.

**List below the names of ALL the student’s (and spouse’s –if applicable) employers and the amount earned from each employer in 2023. Attach copies of all 2023 IRS W-2 forms issued to the student (and spouse –if applicable).**

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| **Employer’s Name** | **2023 Amount Earned** | **IRS W-2 Attached?** |
| *Suzy’s Auto Shop (example)* | *$2000* | *\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No* |
|  |  | *\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No* |
|  |  | *\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No* |
|  |  | *\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No* |

# I (and spouse, if applicable) filed an Amended IRS Income Tax Return *or* I was granted a Filing Extension by the IRS *or* I was a victim of IRS Identity Theft *or* I filed a Non-IRS Income Tax Return. *I will contact the Financial Aid Office for detailed instructions on how to complete verification.*

**How to request a copy of your 2023 Tax Return Transcript from the IRS**

1. Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)
2. Select “Get Transcript by Mail” or “Get Transcript Online” *(if you filed your taxes separately, you may need to provide information for the person listed first on your taxes)*
3. Provide the primary taxpayer’s Social Security Number, Date of Birth, Street Address, and Zip or Postal Code
4. Select “Tax Return Transcript” under Type of Transcript
5. Select the appropriate tax year

\*To order a Tax Return/Transcript by phone: (800) 908-9946

6. 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

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

# Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

The student must appear ***in person*** at the Financial Aid Office at Pierce to verify his or her identity (or **in person** before a certified notary public, if applicable) by presenting an unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to a driver’s license, other state-issued ID, or passport.

The Financial Aid Office at Pierce College 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 authorized to collect the student’s ID.



In addition, the student must sign the following statement **in the presence of the institutional official** (see next page).

 *The attached government issued ID was copied from the original and*

(Type of government-issued photo ID provided)

*The signing of the Statement of Educational Purpose was witnessed on the date listed below.*

Financial Aid Staff Member Printed Name Date

Financial Aid Staff Member Signature Date

**If the student is unable to appear in person** at the Financial Aid Office at Pierce College to verify his or her identity, the student must provide:

* + A copy of the unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID) that is acknowledged in the notary statement below, such as but not limited to: a driver’s license, other state-issued ID, or passport; and
	+ The original notarized Statement of Educational Purpose (statement completed above and notarized below).

##  Notary’s Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_ City/County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

On\_ , before me, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, personally

 Date Notary’s name

appeared, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and proved to me on basis of satisfactory evidence

 Printed name of signer

of identification to be the above-named person who signed the

 Type of government-issued photo ID provided

foregoing instrument.

Notary Seal

## WITNESS my hand and official seal

Notary signature

My commission expires on

 Date

# Certification and Signature

By signing this worksheet, I certify that all of the information reported is complete and correct. I also acknowledge that I have read and agree to comply with all verification policies as stated by Pierce College. **Failure to submit information in a timely fashion may result in the application being filed as inactive** with no further consideration and no federal aid for the academic year. Student must sign:

 Student Signature Date

**Did you remember to:**

* **Complete and sign this worksheet**
* **Attach 2023 Tax transcript(s), Income Tax Return, W-2 forms if applicable, and/or Verification of Nonfiling Letter**
* **Submit this form and other required documents to the Financial Aid Office at Pierce College.**