



# Independent Verification Worksheet

Ind - V5 2014-2015

Financial Aid signature required

Please read the entire form, complete ALL sections, attach the requested documentation, sign the form, and return to the Financial Aid Office. By law Mesalands Community College (MCC) has the right to request this information before awarding financial aid. If there are differences between the information submitted and your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the school will make the necessary changes. **Incomplete worksheets and documentation will cause delays in processing your financial aid. No determination of aid eligibility can be made until all documents are received and reviewed.**

<b>Part 1. Student Information:</b>		
First Name:	Last Name:	Student ID:
Address:		Date of Birth:
City, State, Zip:		Phone:
Mesalands E-mail address: _____@mesalands.net		

<b>Part 2. Student (and spouse) Tax Information:</b>
<p>Completing the FAFSA requires using tax information - either paper forms or the automatic IRS Data Retrieval system. If the IRS Data Retrieval Option was used and you made no changes to your FAFSA move to question 1. If you and/or your spouse did not use the IRS Data Retrieval Option go to <a href="http://www.fafsa.gov">www.fafsa.gov</a> and update the FAFSA using the IRS service now. After you complete this step check the appropriate line below.</p> <p>If you and/or your spouse did not or could not use the IRS Data Retrieval option you must provide our office with a copy of <u>tax return transcripts</u>. <i>Tax return transcripts can take two or more weeks to arrive.</i> Your 2013 <u>tax return transcripts</u> may be ordered by calling (800) 908-9946 or online at <a href="http://www.irs.gov">www.irs.gov</a>. Other tax forms will NOT be accepted.</p>

**STUDENT:** Mark the line that best applies. Follow the instructions. Attach documents if required.

1. Did the student and/or spouse file a 2013 federal tax return? YES \_\_\_ If "yes," go to 1.a.  
NO \_\_\_ If "no," skip to question 1.b.

1.a. Did the student and/or spouse use the IRS Data Retrieval option to complete or update the FAFSA?  
 YES \_\_\_\_\_ If "yes," go to Part 3.  
 NO \_\_\_\_\_ If "no," attach a copy of the IRS tax return transcript (see directions above) and go to Part 3.

1.b. Even if the student and/or spouse did not file a tax return, did the student and/or spouse work at all or earn any income in 2013?  
 YES \_\_\_\_\_ If "yes," fill in the box below and attach all W2 forms and go to Part 3.  
 NO \_\_\_\_\_ If "no," go to Part 3.

Name of employers in 2013	Total amount earned in 2013	Is W2 Attached?	
1.	\$	Yes	No
2.	\$	Yes	No
3.	\$	Yes	No
4.	\$	Yes	No

### Part 3. Family Information:

List the persons in your household in the chart below. Include the following:

1. Yourself.
2. Your spouse if you are married.
3. Your children if you will provide more than half of the children's support from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.
4. 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 their support from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Also, identify the name of the college for any family member who will be attending college between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015 and will be enrolled at least half-time (6 or more credit hours) in a degree or certificate program. If you need more space add a separate page.

First and Last Name*	Age	Relationship	Name of College in 2014-2015**	Enrolled at least ½ time
<i>Example: Martha Jones</i>	9	Daughter	Fort Lewis	
1. (Student):		SELF		
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

\*Proof of financial support may be requested.

\*\*Proof of enrollment in 2014-2015 may be requested.

### Part 4. Additional Information:

#### A. SNAP (Food Stamps) received in 2012 and/or 2013

1. Did anyone listed in your household in Part 3 above receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (formerly Food Stamps) in 2012 or 2013?  
 YES \_\_\_ If "yes," and we have reason to believe that the information is inaccurate we will require documentation from the agency that issued the SNAP benefits in 2012 and/or 2013.  
 NO \_\_\_

#### B. Child Support Paid in 2013

On your FAFSA, you indicated that you and/or your spouse paid child support in 2013. Please answer the following questions.

1. Did you and/or your spouse PAY child support in 2013? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_  
 If "yes," you MUST answer 2 – 5. If "no," skip to Part 5.
2. Write the TOTAL amount actually paid in all of 2013: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name of person who paid child support in 2013: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name the person to whom child support was paid: \_\_\_\_\_
5. List the children for whom the child support is intended: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

*\*If the figure differs from what was reported on the FAFSA further documentation (cancelled checks, legal documents, etc.) may be requested.*

### Part 5. Student's Proof of High School Completion:

The school must have documentation the student completed high school or its accepted equivalent.

Did you previously submit documentation of high school, home school, or GED completion to MCC?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ If "yes," initial the statement below.

**Student initials** \_\_\_\_\_ I previously submitted a copy of my official high school transcript, GED or homeschool credential to MCC. If, upon review, this document is not sufficient I will submit additional required documentation.

NO \_\_\_\_\_ If "no," go to the list below and **SELECT ONLY ONE** of the following choices, **CHECK** the line, and **ATTACH A COPY** of the document.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Final official high school transcript showing graduation date
- \_\_\_\_\_ GED certification
- \_\_\_\_\_ An acceptable homeschool completion credential meeting New Mexico and MCC requirements

If you cannot provide one of these documents please contact the Financial Aid Office.

**Part 6. Documentation of Identity & Statement of Purpose:**

1. How will you submit this form? In-person \_\_\_\_\_ If "in-person," follow directions in Box A  
By mail \_\_\_\_\_ If "by mail," follow directions in Box B

**BOX A:** Complete 1 and 2 below and submit this form in-person. Bring your government issued photo ID with you.

1. Attach a clear, readable copy of the student's government issued photo ID (driver's license, passport, military ID, etc.). Copy of photo ID is attached: YES \_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_ If "no," verification is incomplete and you will not be awarded financial aid.
2. Read and sign the following statement of purpose.

I certify that I \_\_\_\_\_ (print student's name) am the individual signing this 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 Mesalands Community College for 2014-2015.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOX B:** If you are unable to appear in person at MCC complete and sign this form in the presence of a Notary Public. Mail the original form with Notary's signature and seal or stamp to the MCC Financial Aid Office.

1. Attach a clear, readable copy of the student's government issued photo ID (driver's license, passport, military ID, etc.). Copy of photo ID is attached: YES \_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_ If "no," verification is incomplete and you will not be awarded financial aid.
2. Read and sign the following statement of purpose in front of a Notary.

I certify that I \_\_\_\_\_ (print student's name) am the individual signing this 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 Mesalands Community College for 2014-2015.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

In the State of \_\_\_\_\_ and city/county of \_\_\_\_\_ on (date) \_\_\_\_\_, before me (*Notary's name*) \_\_\_\_\_ personally appeared (*student name*) \_\_\_\_\_ and provided me on basis of satisfactory evidence identification (*type of gov't issued photo ID*) \_\_\_\_\_ to be the above named person who signed the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal:

Notary Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires on this date: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU MUST SUBMIT THIS FORM IN-PERSON OR BY MAIL WITHIN TWO WEEKS. E-MAIL AND FAXES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

By signing this worksheet, I (we) certify that all the information reported on this worksheet is complete and accurate. Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse Signature (optional) Date

Name of Financial Aid Staff Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Financial Aid Staff Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Date received all documents: \_\_\_\_\_