2015-2016 High School Verification

Your FAFSA was selected by the U.S. Dept of Education for review in a process called “Verification.” In this process UMSL is required to compare information from your FAFSA with the information on this worksheet and with any other required documents. Verification must be completed before your financial aid can be awarded and before any aid will be credited to your student account.

Provide one of the following documents that indicate the your high school completion status when you, the student, will begin college in 2015–2016:

- A copy of your high school diploma.
- A copy of the your final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
- A copy of the your General Educational Development (GED) certificate, an official GED transcript that indicates you passed the exam, or a state-authorized high school equivalent certificate.
- If you completed secondary education in a foreign country, a copy of the “secondary school leaving certificate” or other similar document.
- An academic transcript that indicates you successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor’s degree.
- If you were homeschooled in a state where state law requires the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
- If you were homeschooled in a state where state law does not require the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a transcript or the equivalent, signed by your parent or guardian, that lists the secondary school courses you completed and includes a statement that you successfully completed a secondary school education in a homeschool setting.

If you are are unable to obtain the documentation listed above, you must contact the UMSL Financial Aid Office.

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

For the PELL Grant program only, verification materials must be submitted no later than 90 days after the last day you attend, or August 31, 2016, whichever is earlier. For all other programs, verification materials must be submitted no later than two weeks prior to the last date of half-time attendance. No aid will be processed for paperwork received after these deadlines.