2016-2017 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 to indicate the student’s high school completion status when the student begins college in 2016–2017:

- A copy of the student’s high school diploma.
- For students who completed secondary education in a foreign country, a copy of the “secondary school leaving certificate” or other similar document.
- A copy of the student’s final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
- A state certificate or transcript received by a student after the student passed a State-authorized examination that the State recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma (GED test, HiSET, TASC, or other State-authorized examination).
- An academic transcript that indicates the student successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor’s degree.
- For a student who was homeschooled in a state where state law requires the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschooling (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
- For a student who was homeschooled in a state where state law does not require the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschooling (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a transcript, or the equivalent, signed by the student's parent or guardian, that lists the secondary school courses the student completed and includes a statement that the student successfully completed a secondary school education in a homeschool setting.

If you 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.