

**Pacific Lutheran University**  
**2026-27 Verification Worksheet – Independent**

Your FAFSA has been selected by the Federal Student Aid processor for a process called verification. Your aid offer is not final and need-based student aid cannot be disbursed until verification is completed.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Family Size

Family Size - Includes the following:

- The student.
- The student's spouse, if applicable.
- The student's dependent children if the following are true:
  - o They live with the student (or live apart because of college enrollment),
  - o They receive more than half of their support from the student, and
  - o They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year.
- Other persons if the following are true:
  - o They live with the student,
  - o They receive more than half of their support from the student, and
  - o They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year.

The provided criteria for “dependent children” or “other persons” align with the requirement that family size align with whom the student could claim as a dependent on a U.S. tax return if the student were to file a U.S tax return at the time of completing the 2026-2027 FAFSA. As a result, the student should not include any unborn children in the family size.

If more space is needed, attach a separate page with the student's name and ID number at the top.

## 2. Student Tax and Income Information

- My (and my spouse's, if applicable) 2024 federal tax information was directly transferred to PLU from the IRS via Direct Data Exchange.
- I have attached either 1) a signed copy of my (and my spouse's, if applicable) IRS Form 1040 for 2024 (including applicable schedules, if filed), or 2) a copy of my (and my spouse's, if applicable) 2024 Federal Tax Return Transcript requested via <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>.
- I (and my spouse, if applicable) did not file and was not required to file a federal tax return for 2024. If you (and your spouse, if applicable) did not work, enter \$0 for amount earned and "none" for employer. If you (and your spouse, if applicable) worked in 2024, list your employer(s) and amount(s) earned below:

Employer	2024 Amount Earned	W-2 Attached
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain below
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain below
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain below
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain below
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, explain below

## 3. Signatures (Typed signatures not accepted)

By signing this worksheet, we certify that the information provided is complete and accurate.

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Student Signature

Date

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Spouse Signature

Date

Upload documents to our secure portal at <https://etcentral.plu.edu/#/form/19>, via fax at 253-535-8406, or by regular mail. For security reasons, we cannot accept this documentation via email.