Verification

Verification is the process required by the Department of Education to verify the accuracy of the information submitted by or on behalf of a student for the purpose of applying for financial aid. The purpose is to reduce errors in applicant reported data and to insure, to the maximum extent possible, t

assistance programs (i.e., eligibility is not based on student's EFC);

- For all dependent students: Applicants cannot locate the parents because their contact information is unknown and cannot be obtained by the student;
  o Parents' address is unknown and cannot be obtained by the student; or
  o Parents are deceased or physically incapacitated.
- For all independent students: Applicant cannot locate the spouse because his/her contact information is unknown and cannot be obtained by the student.
  o Spouse's address is unknown and cannot be obtained by student; or
  o Spouse is deceased or physically incapacitated.

Except in the case of the student's death, none of the exemptions excuse the HSC from the requirement to resolve conflicting information.

Selection of Applications Verified at TTUHSC

It is the policy of the Financial Aid Office to verify all applicants for need-based aid selected for verification by the federal edits. Federally accepted exclusions listed above will be honored. **Non need-based applications are not required to be verified.**

Noncitizen Verification without SSN and Tax Filing Requirements

Noncitizens must file a U.S. federal income tax return for wages earned while working in the U.S. regardless of whether that income comes from U.S. or non-U.S. sources unless the only income received from a U.S. source is less than the personal exemption amount, according to IRS g

- Otherwise, completion of verification is not required for professional judgments.

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Under certain conditions, some applicants who were selected for verification must submit to

When dependent students' parents or independent students have filed a **joint return** and have separated, divorced, married someone else, or been widowed, they must submit:

		applicants behalf. Nontax Filers: Income Earned from Work, Number of Household Members, Number in College, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP–Food Stamps), if included on the ISIR and Child Support Paid, if included on the ISIR. Other Untaxed Income on the FAFSA - Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings, child support received, housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others, Veterans non-education benefits, other untaxed income and money received or paid on the applicants behalf.

The Identity/Statement of Educational must be signed **IN PERSON in front of an **Institution Officials.** IRS Tax Transcript if IRS Data Retrieval Tool was not utilized.

Items to be Verified and Acceptable Documentation

Number in College -
o Applicant must provide the name and age of each household member who is or will be attending an eligible postsecondary educational institution as at least a half-time student in the current award year and the name of the eligible institution(s) that each household member is or will be attending.

Number in Household
o Foster care – A foster child can be included in the household if they are considered to be in a "kinship foster care." The foster parent does not receive any support, income or benefits from the state or foster agency and pays more than half of their support.
o The number of household members for dependent students must now include both of a dependent students legal (biological or adoptive) parents if the parents live together, regardless of the marital status or gender of the parents.

Food Stamps (SNAP), if receipt reported on FAFSA
o Documentation may be required from the agency that issues Food Stamps 14 Twf℗g221or d8(d)1.1(e)nw (1.7(o

Verification Tolerance Options

It is the policy of the HSC Office Financial Aid to submit all discrepancies to CPS. During the process of