Verification is a process required by the federal government wherein selected financial aid applicants must confirm or verify the data they submitted on the FAFSA. To do this, applicants must submit the appropriate Verification Worksheet along with Federal Tax returns for the year on which the FAFSA is based.

This means that before you may receive aid, you are required to supply our office with written documentation to support many of your answers. This applies to all types of federal aid including loans and work-study. Understand that should the documents you present necessitate a correction of any answer(s) on your FAFSA, your aid eligibility may be subject to recalculation and previous award types and amounts could change.

All selected applicants must submit a completed Verification Worksheet to the Office of Student Financial Aid, along with the following:

**TAX RETURNS:**

**IRS 1040A/1040EZ/1040 Telefile filers:**
1) Signed copy of student (and spouse)/parents’ 2008 federal income tax return*

**IRS 1040 (Long form) filers:**
1) Signed copy of student (and spouse)/parents’ 2008 federal income tax return*

**Deadlines:**

You must complete the Verification Process by the applicable date listed below or within 15 Days of the date of the Verification Request whichever is later.

- **Fall-** November 1
- **Spring-** March 1
- **Summer-** July 1

The Financial Aid Office will **not** process your loans & aid until the verification process is complete. Failure to complete this process will delay the processing of your financial aid. Your application will be de-activated should you fail to comply with the deadlines as listed above.

**Corrections/Changes:** If corrections of your student aid data are necessary the school will submit those necessary corrections via Central Processing System (CPS) on-line. When those corrections are received if changes in your aid result from those corrections the office will notify you within 2 weeks by revised award letter of those changes.

The prompt submission of all required forms and documents is requested, to avoid undesired delays in the processing of your financial aid application. Unsigned or illegible copies may be returned to you as unacceptable. Due to the volume of applications received during peak processing periods, please allow approximately three weeks for the completion of your verification by the Office of Student Financial Aid.

*You may be asked to supply our office with an IRS-certified copy of any remitted income tax return which appears dubious in content and/or format.