

FAFSA VERIFICATION:

Don't Panic and Don't Wait

If you see a note on your Student Aid Report or we tell you that you've been selected for FAFSA verification, don't worry: nearly one in three FAFSAs are! Verification is just a way to make sure everything on your FAFSA is correct – and doesn't mean you've done anything wrong.

If you're chosen, FHU's financial aid office will request information from you. This request will usually come via email, so pay close attention to the inbox of the email address you used on your college application. Don't wait to respond to a verification request – your financial aid won't be released until you do. Take these three easy but important steps right away:



FILL OUT VERIFICATION WORKSHEETS.

We will send you verification worksheets to go along with any materials they ask for. In many cases, filling out a worksheet will be all you need to do! Be sure you accurately answer every question, and if something doesn't apply to you, simply put "N/A" or "0" as the answer.



GATHER THE INFORMATION REQUESTED.

Your college will tell you exactly what documents they need. Typical areas you might be asked to verify include tax information, high school completion status and number of people in your household.



RETURN THE VERIFICATION WORKSHEETS AND REQUESTED INFORMATION ASAP.

If you miss the deadline to submit your information, it will delay the disbursement of your financial aid. In some cases, you might even lose your aid. Respond as quickly as you can! Make sure you submit the documents as requested by FHU's Office of Student Financial Services. Once submitted, you can check your financial aid portal to ensure that we have received your documents.

If you have any questions about the information you're being asked to provide or how to fill out the forms, just FHU's financial aid office – we are here to help!

Your financial aid package might change if any of the information on your FAFSA was incorrect. If that happens, we will let you know, so keep an eye on your email.

This year, the federal government says they'll verify fewer FAFSAs than in the past. That's great news! But if you are selected for verification, simply follow these three steps and keep in touch with FHU's financial aid office!

Our [Office of Financial Aid](#) will work with you to ensure you have access to the resources you need to pay for college. Our goal is to make sure all qualified applicants can invest in an education here.

If you have any questions about financial aid, need help filling out the FAFSA or encounter special financial circumstances your family is experiencing due to COVID, please call us at 731-989-6662 or email us at finaid@fhu.edu.