

Verification is a process that compares the information you reported on your FAFSA to federal income tax and other information. It is important to know that your selection for verification does not necessarily mean that there is incorrect information on your FAFSA. The Department of Education selects students for verification randomly, and schools like Clackamas Community College (CCC) are required to complete the review before awarding financial aid.

If you are selected for verification, CCC will request documentation from you necessary to complete the verification process.

To be eligible for most types of financial aid, verification must be completed before the end of the term for which you are applying for financial aid so the financial aid offer can be created, accepted and loans originated with the US Department of Education. However, if you are eligible for the Federal Pell Grant, the deadline for completing verification for the Federal Pell Grant only is 120 days after the end of the term for which you are applying for financial aid. There is a final deadline for Pell grant payments in September 2026 that has not been published by the US Department of Education at the time of this publication. Failure to submit all verification materials by these deadlines will result in no financial aid being awarded to you and you will be responsible for any balance incurred at CCC. See Financial Aid Deadlines Calendar.

To ensure timely disbursement of your financial aid, we recommend that you submit all documentation to us as early as possible, but no later than the following dates:

Term	Recommended Timeline	Term	Recommended Timeline
Summer Term 2025	ASAP	Winter Term 2026	September 29, 2025
Fall Term 2025	June 23, 2025	Spring Term 2026	January 5, 2026

Parent Non-Tax Filers (for non-IRS tax authority):

(Uncommon) Provide verification of non-filing for individuals who would file a return with a relevant tax authority **other than the IRS** dated on or after October 1, 2024 (e.g. foreign income tax return).

Note: If the parent has made a good faith attempt to obtain verification of non-filing, but is unable to obtain a verification/confirmation of non-filing from the relevant tax authority other than the IRS, the school may accept as a replacement for the verification/confirmation of non-filing a signed statement certifying that the individual attempted to obtain the verification/confirmation of non-filing from the relevant tax authority and was unable to obtain it.

As we continue the process, our staff may need additional or follow-up information from you. This is normal and may simply be the result of unclear or conflicting information that requires resolution. Because each student is unique, we never know exactly what each verification will entail until we begin reviewing your documents. These requests are made through Self-Service and your myClackamas student email, so please check your account frequently.

If you have unique tax situations such as having a current extension to file your 2023 taxes, you filed an amended 2023 tax return, you are a victim of IRS tax-related identify theft that impacted your 2023 taxes or you file a tax return in a country other than the US, please contact our office at finaid@clackamas.edu for additional guidance.

If you are having issues with this process contact us at finaid@clackamas.edu for other options.