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## 2025-2026 Independent Verification Form

Your application has been selected for verification. You and your spouse, if married now (even if you were not married in 2023) must provide the following information before any financial aid funds are awarded. You must sign this form on the reverse side.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile/Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:

- Single  
  Married  
  Divorced  
  Separated  
  Widowed

### Household Information

Between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026 - who will you/your spouse support?

- Include yourself & your spouse
- Include your children if they get more than half of their support from you.
- Include other dependents if: they now live with you, and they now get more than half of their support from you and that support will continue between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

Full Name	Age	Relationship to Student
		Self

**COMPLETE BOTH SIDES AND SIGN ON REVERSE SIDE**

## Federal Tax Return Information

**Student/Spouse Tax Status Statement – Check applicable box below**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tax data was successfully transferred.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data did not transfer from the IRS:</li> <li>• Submit an official 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript or signed 1040 Form including all applicable Schedules.</li> </ul>
	<p>I (we) did not file and am <b>not required</b> to file a 2023 tax return.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit copies of all 2023 W-2 Forms for student and spouse (if applicable)</li> </ul>

**Income received from the following sources (Please check appropriate boxes below)**

**Student/Spouse**

	Welfare Benefits, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Subsidized Housing
	Social Security Benefits received for all household members that were not taxed (such as SSI)

- ❖ It is imperative that you continue to monitor and check your award status.
- ❖ All notifications are sent via BSU email, which is the official means of communication at BSU.
- ❖ You should frequently check your financial aid status via the student portal, INFOBEAR.
- ❖ For assistance logging in to your account, contact the IT Help Desk at 508-531-2555.
- ❖ It is important to notify the Financial Aid Office of changes in enrollment, housing status and outside resources, as these could result in an award adjustment.

**Failure to submit this completed, signed document in a timely manner could result in a loss of BSU funds.**

**Signature/Certification**

I certify that all information submitted with and written on this application is complete, accurate, and that corrections may be made based on data provided. An actual signature is required – digital/typed signatures are not acceptable.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**WARNING: If you intentionally give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.**

Forward the completed form, along with any other requested documents to:  
**Financial Aid Office, Bridgewater State University, 45 Plymouth Street, Bridgewater, MA 02325**