



**Independent Student:**

- The student.
- The student’s spouse, if applicable.
- The student’s dependent children if the following are true:
  - They live with the student (or live apart because of college enrollment),
  - They receive more than half of their support from the student; and
  - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year.
- Other persons if the following are true:
  - They live with the student.
  - They receive more than half of their support from the student, and
  - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year.

The provided criteria for “dependent children” or “other persons” align with the requirement that family size align with whom the parent or student could claim as a dependent on a U.S. tax return if the student were to file a U.S tax return at the time of completing the 2026-2027 FAFSA. As a result, the student should not include any unborn children in the family size.

Full Name	Age	Relationship

Please check the box(es) below that describes the tax filing status on the FAFSA for the student, spouse (if applicable), and each parent(s) (if applicable).

**Ex: If student is independent and single, check one box for student. If student is married, check one box for student and one box for spouse. If student is dependent, check one box for student and one or two boxes for parent(s), depending on their marital status**

	Student	Spouse	Parent 1	Parent 2
With my consent and approval; my 2024 federal tax information (FTI) was transferred to my FAFSA via Future Act Direct Data Exchange (FADDX)				
I was unable to use the FA-DDX and manually entered my income and tax data. I will submit a signed copy of my 2024 tax return and any other required W-2s/schedules. (Due to current marital status).				
I worked in 2023 but did not (and was not required to) file a 2024 tax return. If checked; (Please complete the chart below).				
I was not employed and had no income earned from work in 2024.				

**If you worked in 2024, but did not file taxes:**

List every employer, even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form. Provide copies of all 2024 IRS W-2 forms issued. If more space is needed, provide a separate page with the student’s name and ID number at the top.

Employee’s Name	Employer’s Name	Annual Amount Earned in 2024	IRS W-2 or Equivalent Document Provided?
<i>Student/Spouse or Parent’s Name</i>	<i>(Example) Finnigan’s Spa and Beauty Bar</i>	<i>\$4500.00</i>	<i>Yes</i>

- An equivalent document to a W-2 form is any document that shows the amount of income earned from work and the amount of taxes withheld, such as a pay stub or an earnings statement. If you are self-employed, you may need to provide a signed statement certifying the amount of your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) and the U.S. income tax paid for the applicable tax year.
- If your employer paid you in cash, you still need to report income.

\*\*\* An IRS Verification of Non-filing Letter or other confirmation of non-filing is only required when verifying income earned from work for a nontax filer who would file a tax return with a tax authority **other** than the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if a non-filing letter is provided.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Check here if a non-filing letter will be provided later.

**Certification and Signature**

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and accurate. The student and one parent (if applicable) must sign and date. I give the Ozarka Financial Aid Office authorization to make necessary corrections.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Student’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

### Proof of Identity

The student must appear in person at Ozarka College to verify his or her identity by presenting an unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver’s license, other state issued ID, or passport. The institution will maintain a copy of the student’s photo ID that is annotated by the institution with the date it was received and reviewed, and the name of the official at the institution authorized to receive and review the student’s ID.

**Ozarka Financial Aid Office Use Only:**

I verify that this student, whose information is listed above, is the said student.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature/Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Received)

*Required only if verification forms cannot be completed and signed in the presence of an Ozarka College employee.*

**Notary’s Certificate of Acknowledgement**

State of \_\_\_\_\_ City/County of \_\_\_\_\_ On \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared,  
(Notary’s name)

\_\_\_\_\_, and provided to me on the basis of  
(Printed name of signer)

satisfactory evidence of identification \_\_\_\_\_ to be the  
(Type of unexpired government-issued photo ID provided)

above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument. **WITNESS my hand and official seal**

(Seal)

My commission expires on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Signature)