



FAFSA Verification: Don't Panic and Don't Wait



If you see a note on your Student Aid Report or JWU tells you that you've been selected for FAFSA verification, don't worry: nearly one in three FAFSAs are! Verification is a way to make sure everything on your FAFSA is correct.

If you're chosen for verification, JWU will request information from you via email, so keep an eye on the inbox of the email address you used on your application. The information request will also appear in your JWU admissions portal.

Don't wait to respond to a verification request, as your financial aid can't be released until you do. Take these three easy but important steps right away:

1. Fill out your verification worksheets.

JWU will send you verification worksheets to go along with any other needed materials. 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.

2. Gather the information requested.

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

3. 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 in the way you're asked for them (such as by mail, a secure portal or even email). By logging into your JWU admissions portal, you will be able to see what is being requested and can also see when the document has been received.

If you have any questions about the information you're being asked to provide or how to fill out the forms, contact JWU's Student Financial Services team – they're here to help you!

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

If you receive an email saying your FAFSA has been corrected, it could be because you updated your information, including adding or deleting a school. It could also be because a college you applied to adjusted some part of your form to help your FAFSA accurately reflect your financial picture. You'll be able to see what changed by [accessing your FAFSA online](#).