

FAFSA - IRS Data Retrieval Tool 2015-2016

For the 2015-2016 award year, the IRS Data Retrieval Tool is available for online FAFSA submittals and is accessible through the FAFSA web site **www.fafsa.ed.gov**. In lieu of submitting tax return transcripts, the retrieval tool allows FAFSA applicants and their parents the ability to transfer their 2014 income tax information from the IRS to the FAFSA.

BENEFITS OF USING THE TOOL:

- Applicants can complete their FAFSA more easily and accurately!
- The tool will increase the accuracy in the awarding for student financial aid funds!
- Applicants selected for verification can use the tool to update their income information and avoid unnecessary processing delays!

WHO IS "NOT" ELIGIBLE TO USE THE TOOL?

- Married couples who file separate tax returns.
- Applicants whose marital status has changed as of January 1st, 2015
- Applicants who are neither eligible nor required to file a 2014 Federal Tax Return.
- Parents with zeros for Social Security numbers.
- Applicants that indicated that they have not already filed.
- Student or Parent filing an amended tax return.
- Student or Parent who filed a foreign (or Puerto Rico) tax return.

How to Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool

1.	Student Tax Information	2.
	Application was successfully saved.	
	For 2014, have you completed your IRS income tax return or another tax return? Already completed 🗸	
	For 2014, what is your tax filing status according to your tax return? Married-Filed Joint Return	Leaving FAFSA on the Web
	You may be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to view and transfer your tax information from the IRS.	You are now leaving FAFSA on the Web and will be transferred to the IRS Web site to access your IRS tax information. Your information will be saved and your FAFSA on the Web session will end.
	Did you tile a Form 1040X amended tax return? Yes No Did you tile a Puerto Rickan or foreign tax return? Yes No	Your saved FAFSA will automatically open either when you transfer your information from the IRS or choose to return to FAFSA on the Web from the IRS Web site. If you do not transfer your information or choose not to return to FAFSA on the Web from the IRS Web site will have to loo in to one on your saved fAFSA.
	Did you file your taxes electronically in the last 3 weeks (or by mail in the last 11 weeks)? Ves No	Click OK to continue. Otherwise, click Cancel.
	Based on your response, we recommend that you transfer your information from the IRS into this FASA How you file your tases can affect whether your tax return information is available to transfer. Enter your PIN and click LInk To IRS.	If you have any questions or problems using this tool, view available <u>Help</u> options for assistance.
	What is your PIN? LForgat/Dant Know My PIN LINK TO IRS.	
		CANCEL
	NEED HELP? AVE CLEAR ALL DATA VIEW FAFSA SUMMARY EXIT	
To you	use the IRS retrieval tool, answer these questio ur FAFSA on the web. Select "LINK TO IRS"	ons on Once you select "LINK TO IRS", you will get this box. Select "OK"



Please note: If you are selected for verification after your FAFSA has been processed, we will notify you of the documents you will need to submit to the Financial Aid Office. Using the IRS data retrieval tool <u>does not</u> eliminate the verification process or your responsibility to submit the requested verification forms.

HOW TO OBTAIN A FREE TRANSCRIPT FROM THE IRS:

If your FAFSA is selected for verification and you did not use the IRS retrieval process or you changed your IRS data, you will be required to request a Tax Return Transcript directly from the IRS. Personal copies of federal tax returns can no longer be accepted by CSU for verification purposes.

There are three ways to obtain an IRS Tax Return Transcript:

- View and Print an IRS Tax Return Transcript Immediately: at http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript
- Get Transcript by Mail: Mail the completed IRS Form 4506T to the appropriate address provided on page 2 of Form 4506T, OR at http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript and select the "Get Transcript by Mail" option.
- In Person: Visit your local IRS office at 1240 E. Ninth Street, Cleveland, OH