2016-2017 Verification Information Fact Sheet

Why did you get selected for Verification?

Kent State University participates in the Federal Quality Assurance Program, which allows the Student Financial Aid Office to review FAFSA data to evaluate whether or not it appears the student could have made an error. This process is conducted to ensure that students receive the most financial aid they are entitled to for the 2016-2017 academic year. In some instances, our review may result in a change to the student’s financial aid eligibility. Your signature on the FAFSA indicates your willingness to provide documentation if it is requested. Participation in the Verification process is not optional if you wish to receive federal student aid.

What programs are affected?

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
- Federal TEACH Grant
- Federal Work Study
- Federal Direct Stafford Loans
- Federal Perkins Loan

In order to be considered for the Federal Pell Grant, the deadline to submit all requested information is 120 days after the student’s last date of attendance during the 2016-2017 academic year (or the 2016-2017 federal deadline, whichever comes first). To be considered for all other federal aid programs, including Federal Direct Student Loans and the Federal PLUS Loan for parents, the deadline is 30 days prior to the end of the last semester the student attends during the 2016-2017 academic year. Students and their families are strongly encouraged to submit all requested information to the Student Financial Aid Office as quickly as possible.

How do I complete the required Verification Process?

- Complete the 2016-2017 Verification Worksheet available at www.kent.edu/financialaid/forms. Do not leave the answer to any question blank. Indicate zero or Not Applicable (N/A), if appropriate.

- Obtain and submit copies of your 2015 Federal IRS Tax Return Transcripts. A Federal IRS Tax Return Transcript can be obtained by visiting www.irs.gov or by calling 1-800-908-9946. If you have a Tax Extension, you may submit IRS form 4868 and your 2015 W2’s, and we will estimate your tax information. You must then provide a copy of a 2015 Federal IRS Tax Return Transcript once you complete your taxes, no later than October 31, 2016.

- Submit any other required documentation as indicated on your Verification Worksheet.

What happens after Verification is complete?

The Verification process generally takes two weeks from the date the Student Financial Aid Office receives all requested information. You will receive notification on your Flashline account when all the requirements for Verification have been satisfied. If you were already awarded federal or state financial aid and your financial aid eligibility changes as a result of Verification, you can review the changes to your financial aid awards on Flashline.

Please contact the Student Financial Aid Office if you have any questions or concerns.