

## 2018–2019 Independent Verification Worksheet (V4)

Your 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. The law says that before awarding Federal Student Aid, we may ask you to confirm the information you and your parents reported on your FAFSA. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may be corrected.

**Be sure to complete ALL sections.** You and at least one parent must complete and sign this worksheet. Please attach any required documents, and submit the form to the financial aid office at Pierce College. **We may ask for additional information at any time.**

### A. Student's Information

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Student's High School Completion Status

Please provide one of the following documents to indicate the student's high school completion status when the student begins college in 2018-2019. Please read all options carefully before selecting:

- Copy of the student's high school diploma.
- Copy of the student's final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
- The student's General Educational Development (GED) certificate or GED transcript which indicates the student passed the exam.
- An official academic transcript that indicates the student successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree.
- If State law requires a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for home school (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent).
- If State law does not require a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for home school (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), the student has attached a transcript or the equivalent, signed by the student's parent or guardian, that lists the secondary school courses the student completed and documents the successful completion of a secondary school education in a home school setting.

### C. Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

The student must appear *in person* at the Financial Aid Office at Pierce to verify his or her identity (or *in person* before a certified notary public, if applicable) by presenting an unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to: a driver's license, other state-issued ID, military ID, or passport.

The Financial Aid Office at Pierce College will maintain a copy of the student's photo ID that is annotated with the date it was received and the name of the official authorized to collect the student's ID.

In addition, the student must sign the following statement **in the presence of the institutional official** (see next page).

#### Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I \_\_\_\_\_ am the individual signing this statement of Educational Purpose and that the Federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending Pierce College for 2018-2019.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

The attached government issued ID \_\_\_\_\_ was copied from the original and  
(Type of government-issued photo ID provided)  
the signing of the Statement of Educational Purpose was witnessed on the date listed below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Financial Aid Staff Member Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Financial Aid Staff Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**If the student is unable to appear in person** at the Financial Aid Office at Pierce College to verify his or her identity, the student must provide:

- A copy of the unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID) that is acknowledged in the notary statement below, such as but not limited to: a driver's license, other state-issued ID, military ID, or passport; and
- The original notarized Statement of Educational Purpose (statement completed above and notarized below).

**Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement**

State of \_\_\_\_\_ City/County of \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, personally  
Date Notary's name

appeared, \_\_\_\_\_, and proved to me on basis of satisfactory evidence  
Printed name of signer

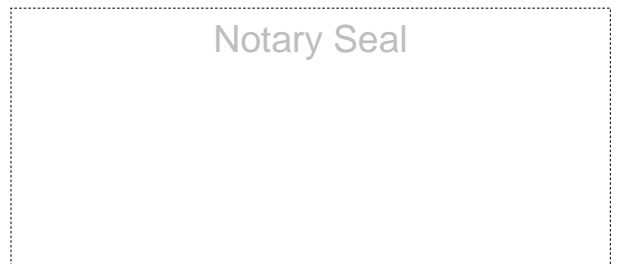
of identification \_\_\_\_\_ to be the above-named person who signed the  
Type of government-issued photo ID provided

foregoing instrument.

**WITNESS my hand and official seal**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary signature

My commission expires on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**D. Certification and Signatures**

By signing this worksheet, I certify that all of the information reported is complete and correct. I also acknowledge that I have read and agree to comply with all verification policies as stated by Pierce College. **Failure to submit information in a timely fashion may result in the application being filed as inactive** with no further consideration and no federal aid for the academic year. Student must sign:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date