



Lamar University Verification Guide for Students 2020-2021

What is Verification?

Verification is a process used to validate certain information you entered on your FAFSA. Because students sometimes make errors on their application, this process verifies applications and makes any required corrections to the application. Institutions that participate in Federal Title IV aid programs are required to perform verification on selected students.

Selection Process

The Central Processing System (CPS) selects which applications are to be verified. The school also has the authority to verify additional students.

Notification

A student whose FAFSA information is selected for verification will be notified of his/her selected status as follows:

- a) the CPS will notify the student on his/her Student Aid Report (SAR). Next to the EFC will be an asterisk referring to a comment in the student section of the SAR that tells the applicant that he/she will be asked by the University to provide documentation for verification; and
- b) Lamar will send an email notification to students regarding any outstanding requirements and these requirements are outlined in the student Service Banner Account. Additionally, first-time freshman students are sent a Missing Information Letter in the mail.

University email notifications sent to a student whose FAFSA information is selected for verification will include:

- a) Service Banner login screen:





Students will not receive a financial aid award or any disbursement until verification is complete. Students may lose out on the State of Texas programs (i.e. Texas Grant).

Updating FAFSA Information

a student cannot update FAFSA information that was correct as of the date the application was signed because the FAFSA is considered to be a of the financial situation as of that date.

proceeds on an automobile or home improvement, the student cannot update the FAFSA to reflect a change in assets. After the FAFSA is signed, only certain items can be updated under the conditions listed below.

(1) **Dependency Status Change:**



federal verification. The student and parent(s) should complete the documentation as soon as possible and return it to the Financial Aid Office. Please note the deadlines listed above.

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from the CPS to the University. Once received, all FAFSA data, Lamar University Verification



Expected Family Contribution (IM EFC): A measure of how much the student and his/her

institutional need analysis fo -based

Student Information Record (ISIR): One of two output documents created by the CPS
 FAFSA. The ISIR is made available electronically to the institutions listed on

subsidized student financial assistance programs: Title IV, HEA programs for which eligibility is determined on the basis of an applicant's FAFSA EFC. These programs include the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Federal Work-Study (FWS), Federal Perkins Loan, and Direct Subsidized Loan programs.

unsubsidized student financial assistance programs: Title IV, HEA programs for which eligibility is not based on an applicant's FAFSA EFC. For students attending Lamar University, these programs include the Direct Unsubsidized Loan and Direct PLUS Loan programs.

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