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2021–2022 Independent Student Verification Worksheet (V4)

Your 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has been selected for verification review. The verification process is used to ensure the accuracy of the information reported on your FAFSA. Federal law requires that this review process must be completed before awarding Federal Student Aid. Your verification documentation will be reviewed for accuracy. Any differences may result in your FAFSA data being corrected.

A. Student Information

Last Name, First Name

Student's e-Mail Address

B. High School Completion Status

Provide one of the following documents to the GIA Office of Student Financial Assistance to indicate the student's high school completion status when the student begins school at GIA in 2021-2022:

- A copy of the student's high school diploma.
- For students who completed secondary education in a foreign country, a copy of the "secondary school leaving certificate" or other similar document.
- A copy of the student's final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
- A state certificate or transcript received by a student after the student passed a State-authorized examination that the State recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma (GED test, HiSET, TASC, or other State-authorized examination).
- An 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.
- For a student who was homeschooled in a state where state law requires the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschooling (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
- For a student who was homeschooled in a state where state law does not require the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschooling (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a transcript, or the equivalent, signed by the student's parent or guardian, that lists the secondary school courses the student completed and includes a statement that the student successfully completed a secondary school education in a homeschool setting.

A student who is unable to obtain the documentation listed above must contact the financial aid office.

Student's Name

C. Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

Option 1: To be Signed at the Institution

The student must appear in person at the Gemological Institute of America to verify his or her identity by presenting an unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport. The institution will maintain a copy of the student's photo ID that is annotated by the institution with the date it was received and reviewed, and the name of the official at the institution authorized to receive and review the student's ID.

Statement of Identity and Educational Purpose

I certify I _____ am the individual signing this Statement of Educational
(Print Student's Name)

Purpose, and the Federal student financial assistance I receive will only be used for educational purposes, and to pay tuition at Gemological Institute of America for the aid year 2021-2022.

Student's Signature

Date

Student GIA ID Number (if known) _____

Option 2: To be Signed in the Presence of a Notary

If the student is unable to appear in person at the Gemological Institute of America to verify his or her identity, the student must provide to the institution:

- (a) A copy of the unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID) that is acknowledged in the notary statement below, or that is present to a notary, such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport; and
- (b) The original Statement of Educational Purpose **provided on page three**, which must be notarized. If the notary statement appears on a separate page than the Statement of Educational Purpose, there must be a clear indication that the Statement of Educational Purpose was the document notarized

Student's Name

Option 2: To be Signed in the Presence of a Notary

Statement of Identity and Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____ am the individual signing this Statement of
(Print Student's Name)

Educational Purpose and the Federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending Gemological Institute of America in 2021-2022.

Student's Signature

Date

Student ID Number (if known)

Notary Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of _____

City/County of _____

On _____ before me, _____,
(Date) (Notary's Name)

personally appeared, _____, and proved to me on the basis
(Printed name of signer/student)

of satisfactory evidence of identification _____
(Type of unexpired government-issued photo ID provided)

to be the above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

(seal)

(Notary signature)

My commission expires on _____
(Date)

Student's Name

D. Certifications and Signatures

The person signing this worksheet certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information you may be fined, be sentenced to prison, or both.

Student's Signature

Date

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Mail this signed form along with high school completion status document and a copy of the unexpired valid Government-issued photo identification (ID) that is acknowledged in the notary statement to:

GIA Office of Student Financial Assistance

The Robert Mouawad Campus
5345 Armada Drive, MS 7
Carlsbad, CA 92008

E-mail: financialaid@gia.edu
Phone: 800-421-7250, ext. 4005

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Verification Completed by: _____ Date: _____

Comments:

