

C. Income Information

Instructions: Complete this section if you (and your spouse or partner) filed or will file a 2023 Federal income tax return. As part of Federal student aid eligibility, students (and spouses or partners) will be required to consent and approve sharing income and tax information from the IRS to their FAFSA, even if the attempt to obtain or use such data is ineffective.

Check the appropriate statement below and provide the requested information and documents:

_____ I/we authorized consent to use the Federal Tax Information (FTI) to transfer my/our 2023 income information from the IRS to my FAFSA.

_____ I/we did not (or could not) authorize consent to use the Federal Tax Information (FTI) to transfer my/our information. **I/we will provide a copy of my/our 2023 Federal Tax Return (Form 1040) and applicable schedules.**

_____ I/we did not (or am not required to) file a 2023 Federal tax return. **I/we will provide a copy of all my/our 2023 W-2s for income earned from work.**

Important Note: The instructions apply to you (and your spouse/partner, if applicable) in the household. Notify the Office of Financial Aid if you filed separate Federal income tax returns for 2023 or had a change in marital status after December 31, 2023.

D. Identity & Statement of Educational Purpose

Instructions: The student must appear in person at the Mercer County Community College Office of Financial Aid to verify their identity by presenting an unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID) (i.e.: driver's license, state-issued ID, passport, etc.). The office 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. **The student must sign the statement below at the school in the office.**

I certify that I _____ (*student name*) 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 **Mercer County Community College** for 2025-2026.

Student Signature

Date

Office Use Only

<input type="checkbox"/>	In-Person Review
<input type="checkbox"/>	Remote Review
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved
<input type="checkbox"/>	Denied

Office Official Signature

Date

Instructions: If the student is unable to appear in person at the Mercer County Community College Office of Financial Aid to verify their identity, the student must appear in front of a notary to verify their identity. The student must present an unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID) (i.e.: driver's license, state-issued ID, passport, etc.) and sign the statement below in front of the notary. The notary must sign and officiate the statement with their seal. Once this is complete, the student can submit the statement and copy of the valid ID presented to the notary to the Office of Financial Aid.

I certify that I _____ (*Student Name*) 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 **Mercer County Community College** for 2025-2026.

Student Signature

Date

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

Notary's certification may vary by State

State of _____ City/County of _____

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

name), personally appeared, _____ (*Student's Name*),

and proved to me because 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*)

E. Certification

Each person signing this form certifies that all information reported on it is complete and correct.

Student Signature

Date

Spouse/Partner Signature (Optional)

Date

WARNING: If you purposely give false misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.