SMU *Division of Enrollment Services*
Financial Aid

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2014-2015 Custom Verification: HS Completion Status & ID Criteria (Group V4)

Your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) has been selected under federal regulations for verification. The verification process will be conducted by SMU in accordance with the U. S. Dept. of Education's Verification Regulations (Title 34 CFR 668, Subpart E). ***The SMU Financial Aid office reserves the right to request additional documentation if deemed necessary.***

Failure to complete verification will delay awarding and disbursement of funds to your student account. If any additional information is needed to resolve conflicting or unclear data, you will be notified by the SMU Financial Aid office.

STEP 1: STUDENT INFORMATION

Last name First name MI

SMU ID Number Last 4 digits of SSN E-mail Address

_____ ( )_____-_____

Address (number, street, city, state, zip code) Phone Number

STEP 2: HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION STATUS

You must submit documentation of high school completion status as of the time you will begin college in 2014-2015. Check the box next to the document you have attached:

☐	**High School Diploma**	☐ **GED Certificate or transcript**	☐ **Final High School Transcript** showing **date high school diploma was awarded**
☐	**Academic Transcript showing you have successfully completed at least a 2 year program that is acceptable towards a bachelor's degree** *(Example: a transcript of courses taken for an Associate's degree, or 2 years of courses leading towards a Bachelor's degree)*		
☐	If State law requires a homeschooled student to obtain **a secondary school completion credential** for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), **a copy of that credential.**		
☐	If State law does not require a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (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 documents the successful completion of a secondary school education in a homeschool setting.		

STEP 3: IDENTITY & STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE *(to be signed at the institution)*

The student must appear in person at _____ to verify his or her identity
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)
by presenting a 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 with the date it was received and the name of the official at the institution authorized to collect the student's ID.

In addition, the student must sign, in the presence of the institutional official, the following:

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____ am the individual signing this Statement of Educational Purpose and that
(Print Student's Name)
the federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending
_____ for 2014-2015.
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

_____ _____ _____
(Student's ID Number) *(Date)* *(Student's Signature)*

SMU Financial Aid Staff Member must print name, sign, and date below:

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Name *Signature* *Date Received & Copied*

FA Staff: Copy government-issued ID here, attach another page if more space is needed.

STEP 4: SNAP BENEFITS

Please certify below if you or someone **listed in the household section** of your FAFSA **received SNAP benefits** (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as Food Stamps) in 2012 or 2013.

Your household includes: parents and those receiving over 50% support from them if you are dependent; OR, you, your spouse, and those receiving over 50% support from you if you are Independent.

(circle yes or no) **Yes / No**

(NOTE: "SNAP" may be known by another name in some states. For assistance in determining the name used in a state, please call 1-800-433-3243).

STEP 5: CHILD SUPPORT PAID

Please certify below if you or someone **listed in the household section of your FAFSA** paid child support to **someone outside of your household** in 2013. This can be one or both of your parents if you are **dependent**; OR, it can be yourself or your spouse if you are **independent**.

(circle yes or no) **Yes / No**

Please complete the fields below:

Name of the adult paying child support	
Name of the adult to whom child support was paid	
Name of the child(ren) for whom child support was paid	
The amount of child support paid in 2013	$

STEP 6: CERTIFICATIONS AND SIGNATURES

SIGNING BELOW CERTIFIES THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED HEREIN IS COMPLETE AND CORRECT.

_____
Student Signature *Date*

_____
Parent Signature *Date*
(for dependent students; must be a parent whose info was reported on the FAFSA)

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