



## 2026-2027 Verification Policy

Because students sometimes make errors in their applications, there is a process for verifying applications and making corrections. Arizona College must verify applications selected by the U. S. Department of Education's FAFSA Processing System (FPS), who will receive, or have received subsidized student financial assistance. Subsidized student financial assistance programs include the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Federal Work-Study (FWS), and the Direct Subsidized Loan program.

*\*\* Arizona College reserves the right to verify any application the College has reason to believe is incorrect or discrepant.*

All financial aid applicants should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form online for the fastest and most accurate application process. The online application allows applicants and any contributors (parents/spouse) to provide consent for the access, disclosure, and use of Federal Tax Information (FTI) via the FA-Direct Data Exchange (FA-DDX). The FA-DDX saves time and increases the accuracy of the financial information collected on the FAFSA by importing certain FTI directly into the FAFSA form. At times students may need to submit corrections/updates to their application online via [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov).

Following the implementation of real-time identity fraud detection capabilities, the College is following the guidance provided by U.S. Department of Education how to resolve students identified within the specific categories. Students assigned High or Highest Risk comment codes will be selected by the College to complete V4 Verification, regardless of whether they were initially selected for verification or not.

To ensure funding can be processed in a timely manner, students are required to submit the requested documentation within 30 days of receipt of the Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR). Failure to submit the documentation may result in the loss of funding. Arizona College will notify students, based on the documentation submitted and corrections made, of any changes to their SAI that affect their financial aid awards by presenting a new award offer. The Director of Financial Aid must approve exceptions to this policy.

Please note:

If the College suspects that a student, employee, or other individual has misreported information or altered documentation to fraudulently obtain federal funds, the College must report their suspicions and provide any evidence to the Office of Inspector General (OIG) via the OIG's National Hotline or by submitting a claim online.