



2023-2024 VERIFICATION POLICY

The U.S. Department of Education or North Carolina Wesleyan University's Office of Financial Aid has identified your application for a selection process called **verification**. This process is used to check the accuracy and completeness of data provided on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The verification process is meant to ensure that Federal student financial aid is disbursed equitably and according to Federal law and program regulation. The College is required to notify the U.S. Office of Inspector General if they suspect that a student, employee or other individual has misreported information or altered documentation submitted in order for a student to fraudulently obtain federal funds.

We are pleased to announce we have established a partnership with <u>Inceptia</u> to expedite the federal verification process. **Verification Gateway (VG)** from Inceptia is an online portal to guide students and parents through verification.

If your FAFSA application is selected for verification by the U.S Department of Education, you will receive an email from VGCS@inceptia.org, or postcard from Inceptia, containing **North Carolina Wesleyan University's** unique website link to start the verification process.

We encourage you to begin the verification process within 7 days of receiving notification from Verification Gateway to ensure you receive your financial aid in time for payments. Failure to complete the verification process could result in the delay or denial of your financial aid.

FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO COMPLETE YOUR VERIFICATION:

- Access our school's unique website link in the email already sent from <u>VGCS@inceptia.org</u> or click the following link, <u>https://ncwu.verificationgateway.org/#/login</u>
- Create your account and choose preferences for text messages and e-signatures.
- **Complete** your Task List.
- **Confirm** your signature and review your information.
- Sign your account.

*If you are a dependent student, your parent also needs to create their own account and complete each of these steps.

Verification may include (but is not limited to) a review of the following data for a student, a student's spouse, or parent(s) of a dependent student:

- 2021 Adjusted Gross Income
- 2021 Taxes Paid
- 2021 Income Earned from Work
- 2021 Untaxed Income and Benefits

- Household Size
- Number in College
- Veteran Status
- Social Security Number

During this delay, you have the option of logging into your FAFSA at <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u> to see if you have access to using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) to shorten the completion time of the verification process.

If you do not have access to the DRT, please contact the IRS, using one of the methods below, to request your 2021 tax transcripts or 2020 letter of non-filer status.

- Call 1-800-908-9946
- Download the IRS Form 4506T-EZ at <u>http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4506tez.pdf</u>, then mail or fax to the IRS's address.
- Create an account on the IRS website at <u>www.irs.gov</u>.

Questions about the verification process?

Contact Inceptia, Monday through Friday 8 am – 7 pm Central at 888.374.8427 or VGCS@inceptia.org.

About Inceptia

Inceptia, a division of National Student Loan Program (NSLP), is a nonprofit organization committed to offering effective and uncomplicated solutions in financial aid management, default prevention, and financial education. Our mission is to support schools as they launch brilliant futures for students, armed with the knowledge to become financially responsible citizens. Learn more at Inceptia.org.