

New regulations from the Department of Education require that we can only accept an IRS <u>Tax Return Transcript</u> (Some exclusions may apply if you have filed a foreign tax return or an amended return. Please speak to a Financial Aid Specialist for details). Be aware that most transcript requests may take 10 to 30 days to be processed by the IRS, although in some cases it may be longer.

## Verification of 2020 Income Information for Individuals with Unusual Circumstances

## Individuals Granted a Filing Extension by the IRS

An individual who is required to file a 2020 IRS income tax return and has been granted a filing extension by the IRS, must provide:

- A copy of IRS Form 4868, "Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," that was filed with the IRS for tax year 2020;
- A copy of the IRS's approval of an extension beyond the automatic six-month extension if the individual requested an additional extension of the filing time for tax year 2020; and
- A copy of IRS Form W–2 for each source of employment income received for tax year 2020 and, if selfemployed, a signed statement certifying the amount of the individual's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) and the U.S. income tax paid for tax year 2020.
- Confirmation of non-filing from the IRS or other relevant taxing authority dated on or after October 1, 2020.

# **Individuals Who Filed an Amended IRS Income Tax Return**

An individual who filed an amended IRS income tax return for tax year 2020 must provide:

- A 2020 IRS Tax Return Transcript (that will only include information from the original tax return and does
  not have to be signed), or any other IRS tax transcript(s) that includes all of the income and tax
  information required to be verified; and
- A signed copy of the 2020 IRS Form 1040X, "Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," that was filed with the IRS.

## Individuals who were Victims of IRS Tax-Related Identity Theft

An individual who was the victim of IRS tax-related identity theft must provide:

- A Tax Return Data Base View (TRDBV) transcript obtained from the IRS (800-908-4490), or any other IRS tax transcript(s) that includes all of the income and tax information required to be verified; and
- A statement signed and dated by the tax filer indicating that he or she was a victim of IRS tax-related identity theft and that the IRS is aware of the tax-related identity theft.

#### **Individuals who Filed Non-IRS Income Tax Returns**

An individual who filed or will file a 2020 income tax return with the relevant taxing authority of a U.S. territory, commonwealth, or with a foreign central government must provide:

- A transcript that was obtained at no cost from the relevant taxing authority of a U.S. territory (Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands) or commonwealth (Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands), or a foreign central government, that includes all of the tax filer's income and tax information required to be verified for tax year 2020; or
- If a transcript cannot be obtained at no cost from the relevant taxing authority, a signed copy of the 2020 income tax return(s).