



# GIA®

## 2020–2021 Independent Student Verification Worksheet (V4)

Your 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has been selected for verification review. The verification process is used to ensure the accuracy of the information reported on your FAFSA. Federal law requires that this review process must be completed before awarding Federal Student Aid. Your verification documentation will be reviewed for accuracy. Any differences may result in your FAFSA data being corrected.

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### A. Student Information

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Last Name, First Name

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Student's e-Mail Address

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### B. High School Completion Status

Provide one of the following documents to the GIA Office of Student Financial Assistance to indicate the student's high school completion status when the student begins school at GIA in 2020-2021:

- A copy of the student's high school diploma.
- For students who completed secondary education in a foreign country, a copy of the "secondary school leaving certificate" or other similar document.
- A copy of the student's final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
- A state certificate or transcript received by a student after the student passed a State-authorized examination that the State recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma (GED test, HiSET, TASC, or other State-authorized examination).
- An academic transcript that indicates the student successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree.
- For a student who was homeschooled in a state where state law requires the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschooling (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
- For a student who was homeschooled in a state where state law does not require the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschooling (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 includes a statement that the student successfully completed a secondary school education in a homeschool setting.

A student who is unable to obtain the documentation listed above must contact the financial aid office.

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Student's Name

## C. Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

### **Option 1: To be Signed at the Institution**

The student must appear in person at the Gemological Institute of America to verify his or her identity by presenting an unexpired 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 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.

#### **Statement of Identity and Educational Purpose**

I certify that I \_\_\_\_\_ am the individual signing this Statement of

(Print Student's Name)

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 the Gemological Institute of America for 2020-21.

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Student's Signature

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Date

Student GIA ID Number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Option 2: To be Signed in the Presence of a Notary**

If the student is unable to appear in person at the Gemological Institute of America to verify his or her identity, the student must provide to the institution:

- (a) A copy of the unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID) that is acknowledged in the notary statement below, or that is present to a notary, such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport; and
- (b) The original Statement of Educational Purpose **provided on page three**, which must be notarized. If the notary statement appears on a separate page than the Statement of Educational Purpose, there must be a clear indication that the Statement of Educational Purpose was the document notarized

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name

## **Option 2: To be Signed in the Presence of a Notary**

### **Statement of Identity and Educational Purpose**

I certify that I \_\_\_\_\_ am the individual signing this Statement of  
(Print Student's Name)

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 the Gemological Institute of America for 2020-21.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID Number (if known)

### **Notary Certificate of Acknowledgement**

State of \_\_\_\_\_

City/County of \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_ before me, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Date) (Notary's Name)

personally appeared, \_\_\_\_\_, and proved to me on the basis  
(Printed name of signer/student)

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)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name

## D. Certifications and Signatures

The person signing this worksheet certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Mail this signed form along with high school completion status document and a copy of the unexpired valid Government-issued photo identification (ID) that is acknowledged in the notary statement to:

### **GIA Office of Student Financial Assistance**

The Robert Mouawad Campus  
5345 Armada Drive, MS 7  
Carlsbad, CA 92008

E-mail: [financialaid@gia.edu](mailto:financialaid@gia.edu)  
Phone: 800-421-7250, ext. 4005

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## SCHOOL USE ONLY

Verification Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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