

**2021-2022 Verification of Parent
2020 Employment and Wage Status (COVID)**

Student Name: _____ RAM ID: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete and return this form to the Financial Aid Office only if your parent(s) did not file a 2020 federal income tax return and were not required to file a federal income tax return according to the IRS guidelines (see reverse side). Do not complete this form if they plan to file or if they are required to file a federal income tax return for 2020.

Check **all** below that apply:

- ☐ I/We (parent 1/parent 2) did not work during 2020 and did not file a federal tax return for 2020.
- ☐ I/We (parent 1/parent 2) worked, but did not file a federal income tax return for 2020. I/We earned \$_____ in 2020 and already submitted or _____ am attaching a copy of my/our 2020 W-2(s).

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent 1's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent 2's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Who Must File a Return:

Whether you must file a return depends on your *gross income, filing status, and age*.

Gross Income

Gross income includes all income that you receive in the form of money, goods, property, and services. It does not include any income that is tax-exempt.

Filing Status

Your filing status is determined on the last day of the tax year, which is December 31 for calendar year taxpayers. Your filing status will be determined by whether you are single or married, and what your family situation is.

Age

If you are age 65 or older on the last day of the tax year, you are allowed a higher amount of gross income before you are required to file a return. The table below lists the income limit amounts for the 2020 tax year.

(Please see reverse side for tax filing guidelines)

If your filing status is ...	and at the end of the year you were ...*	you must file if your gross income is at least ...**
Single	under 65	\$12,400
	65 or older	\$14,050
Married Filing Jointly***	under 65 (both spouses)	\$24,800
	65 or older (one spouse)	\$26,100
	65 or older (both spouses)	\$27,400
Married Filing Separately	any age	\$5.00
Head of Household	under 65	\$18,650
	65 or older	\$20,300
Qualifying Widow(er) with Dependent Child	under 65	\$24,800
	65 or older	\$26,100

* If you turn 65 on January 1, 2020, you are considered to be age 65 at the end of 2020.

** Gross income means all income you received in the form of money, goods, property, and services that is not exempt from tax, including any income from sources outside the United States (even if you may exclude part or all of it). Do not include Social Security benefits unless you are married filing a separate return and you lived with your spouse at any time during 2020.

*** If you did not live with your spouse at the end of 2020 (or on the date your spouse died) and your gross income was at least \$5.00, you must file a return regardless of your age.