
2026-2027 Verification Guidelines and Deadlines

Verification is the process by which the Financial Aid Office confirms the accuracy of information reported on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA). If your application is selected for verification, you must submit additional documents to avoid delays in processing your financial aid.

Why Was I Selected?

You may be selected by the U.S. Department of Education or California Student Aid Commission. In some cases, SBVC may also request documents if:

- There is conflicting information
- Your application appears incomplete
- Additional clarification is needed to determine eligibility
- Identity verification needed
- Attendance at multiple institutions, received federal aid at more than one school, or enrollment history requires additional review.

What Happens If I'm Selected?

If selected, you will receive a notification through your SBVC student email and via Smart Forms (Campus Logic), our secure platform for submitting documents.

Documents You May Be Asked to Submit may include:

- IRS Tax Return Transcript or signed tax return
- W-2s or 1099 forms
- IRS Non-Filing Letter (if applicable)
- Household size information
- Verification worksheets
- High School Diploma completion status
- College Transcripts
- Identity identification

Department of Education-Selected Identity Verification (V4/V5)

Students selected by the U.S. Department of Education for V4/V5 identity verification may satisfy the identity verification requirement by one of the following methods:

- Appearing in person at the Financial Aid Office with a valid, unexpired government-issued photo identification; or
- If unable to appear in person, submitting a copy of a valid, unexpired government-issued photo identification accompanied by a notarized Statement of Educational Purpose in accordance with U.S. Department of Education guidance.

At this time, San Bernardino Valley College has elected not to implement institutional video-call identity verification as an alternative verification method.

Institutionally Selected Identity Verification

Students selected by San Bernardino Valley College for institutional identity verification must complete the identity verification requirement by:

- Appearing in person at the Financial Aid Office with a valid, unexpired government-issued photo identification.

At this time, SBVC requires all institutionally selected applicants to complete identity verification in person. Remote identity verification methods, including notarized documentation and institutional video-call verification, are not accepted for institutionally selected identity verification.

Additional Eligibility Reviews: In some cases, the U.S. Department of Education or San Bernardino Valley College may require additional documentation beyond standard verification to determine a student's eligibility for Title IV financial aid. Examples include, but are not limited to, Identity Verification (V4/V5), Unusual Enrollment History (UEH), citizenship or eligible noncitizen status, defaulted federal student loans, Federal Pell Grant overpayments, conflicting information, or other federal eligibility requirements. Students selected for these reviews will be notified through SBVC student email, Self-Service, and/or Student Forms (Campus Logic) and must submit all requested documentation before federal financial aid eligibility can be determined or funds can be disbursed.

We cannot award or disburse federal or state financial aid until verification is complete.

Deadlines

Federal Deadline (Set by U.S. Department of Education):

To be eligible for **federal aid** for 2026–2027, all verification documents must be received and processed by the earlier of:

- **120 days after your last day of attendance**, OR
- **August 13, 2027** (the institutional deadline for the 2026–2027 aid year)

This includes students who have withdrawn from all courses but may still qualify for a post-withdrawal disbursement.

ISIR Receipt Deadline:

A valid ISIR (with a calculated EFC or SAI) must be received while the student is still enrolled and eligible. All verification (if required) must be completed by the institutional deadline.

If we do not receive your application and complete verification within the established deadlines, we cannot disburse aid, even if you were otherwise eligible. Students should submit all requested documentation well before the end of the award year. Documents submitted near the deadline may not allow sufficient time for review, correction of conflicting information, or processing before the close of the award year.

Late Disbursement & Post-Withdrawal Disbursement

You may still receive aid after you stop attending, if:

- You were eligible for aid at the time you were enrolled
- You completed the FAFSA before withdrawing
- You submit all required documents within 120 days of withdrawal or the institutional deadline whichever is earlier

For loans, written confirmation from you is required before we disburse funds. If verification is not completed by the deadline, we cannot issue a late or post-withdrawal disbursement.

Corrections & Updates

If verification results in changes to your application:

- We will correct your FAFSA/CADAA and submit updates to the Central Processor.
- You'll receive a revised Student Aid Report (SAR).
- If your award changes, a new notification will be sent via SBVC student email.