

TEMPORARY VERIFICATION SUSPENSION

Verification is being temporarily suspended for students selected for the Standard (V1) Verification process (Fall 2021).

STUDENTS CURRENTLY-ENROLLED (STEPS TO TAKE):

- If you are selected for the Standard (V1) Verification process, please do NOT turn in any further documents or fill out any other forms at this time.
- If you're meeting SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress) and you're currently enrolled for Fall 2021 classes, a "HOLD" will be placed on your account to prevent a schedule deletion through the July 20 fee payment deadline.
- You will receive an email to your GHC student email account notifying you that a hold has been placed on your account and whether or not further documentation is required.
- Continue to monitor your GHC student email for further updates and/or requests for documents.
- Also continue to monitor your Score account on the Check Financial Aid Status page for 2122 for financial aid offers.

STUDENTS NOT CURRENTLY-ENROLLED (STEPS TO TAKE):

- Files are being reviewed for students who are not yet registered for classes at GHC and who have a Standard (V1) Verification requirement to see if that requirement can be waived.
- Please do NOT turn in any further documents or fill out any other forms at this time.
- If the Verification requirement is *waived*, your financial aid offers will be added to your account.
- You will receive an email to your GHC student email account notifying you that Verification has been *waived* and whether or not further documentation is required.
- Continue to monitor your GHC student email for further updates and/or requests for documents.
- Also continue to monitor your Score account on the Check Financial Aid Status page for 2122 for financial aid offers.

V4 AND V5 VERIFICATIONS ARE NOT BEING SUSPENDED!

Verification will NOT be suspended for the V4 and V5 Verification process which confirms identity and high school completion status (this process requires documentation to confirm Identity/Statement of Educational Purpose and high school completion status).

If you're selected for the V4 and V5 Verification process, go to highlands.verifymyfafsa.com to complete.

Excerpt from U.S. Department of Education Press Release

U.S. Department of Education Announces Temporary Changes to the Federal Aid Verification Process for the 2021-22 Award Year

“Today, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) announced temporary changes to the federal student aid verification process for the 2021–22 award year. The temporary changes will provide relief to millions of students and colleges facing challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Department will focus aid verification on identity theft and fraud for the 2021–22 application cycle, significantly reducing other barriers that have prevented students most in need, from accessing critical financial aid funds. Today's action is part of the Department's broader efforts to provide relief to students and borrowers impacted by the pandemic, and address inequities made worse by COVID-19.”

Student Financial Aid Press Release

<https://www.ed.gov/category/subject/student-financial-aid>