



2012-2013 FAFSA Application - Important Updates
Attention all federal financial aid recipients!

The following information is very important, particularly to those returning students who have undergone the verification process and are accustomed to submitting tax returns. For the 2012-2013 academic year and onward, tax returns will not be an acceptable form of documentation where verification of your eligibility is concerned. Please read:

Due to new laws pertaining to the verification process, students and parents are strongly encouraged to complete and file their 2011 Federal Tax Return as soon as possible and then choose the IRS Data Retrieval option when completing the 2012-13 FAFSA. If your 2012-13 FAFSA is selected for verification, we will no longer be able to take paper copies of your 2011 tax return; you will be required to submit official tax transcripts from the IRS.

If you file your tax return electronically, the IRS Data Retrieval option will be available to you on the FAFSA website within 7-10 business days of filing. It will take approximately 6-8 weeks if you file a paper return. Therefore, we advise you to file your 2011 Federal Tax Return electronically to avoid delays.

If you or your parents have any questions regarding this matter, please review the Louisiana Tech University Financial Aid web pages at

http://www.latech.edu/financial_aid/applicationprocessvf.shtml.

These pages give more detailed information on the process.

Thank you,

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