



State University of New York College of  
**Environmental Science and Forestry**

Dear SUNY ESF Student:

You have submitted multiple FAFSA transactions which report different values for the Asset Information questions (cash-checking-savings – net worth of investments – net worth of businesses and investment farms). The correct values for these questions must be validated. Your prompt attention is essential and appreciated - **no federal aid will be disbursed or appear on your billing statement until this process is completed. Once the correct information has been confirmed, the aid package will be reviewed to determine if any changes are required.**

**What documents are needed for this validation?** Independent students should complete and submit the 2026-2027 Household Assets Validation Worksheet included with this letter. Please be sure to read all instructions carefully and provide all required “wet” signatures.

**How should documentation be submitted?** All documentation should be submitted to:

SUNY-ESF Office of Financial Aid  
113 Bray Hall  
1 Forestry Drive  
Syracuse, NY 13210  
(315) 470-6670  
(315) 470-4734 (Fax)

Please do not e-mail any confidential information. You may also submit documentation using the document upload function available through the [student's login](#) to the Self-Service Portal – <https://banner.esf.edu/StudentSelfService/ssb/financialAid>.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please call us at 315-470-6670 or e-mail us at [finaid@esf.edu](mailto:finaid@esf.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark J. Hill".

Mark J. Hill  
Director of Financial Aid

2026-2027 Federal Student Aid  
Household Assets Validation Worksheet  
Independent Student



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1 Forestry Drive Syracuse, NY 13210  
315-470-6670; 315-470-4734 (Fax)  
E-mail: [finaid@esf.edu](mailto:finaid@esf.edu) (no documents)

You have submitted multiple FAFSA transactions which report different values for the Asset Information questions (cash-checking-savings – net worth of investments – net worth of businesses and investment farms). The correct values for these questions must be validated. Please complete this worksheet entirely and return it to the Office of Financial Aid along with all required documentation. Documentation may be submitted using postal mail or fax with the contact information above, or through the student’s account on the secure Self-Service Portal at <https://banner.esf.edu/StudentSelfService/ssb/financialAid>. Please do not e-mail any validation information.

Student Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student MI \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID – F##### \_\_\_\_\_

Asset values should be reported **as of the date you first completed** your 2026-2027 FAFSA. Updates to those values are not allowed, but corrections may be made if the initially reported values were entered in error. Please select one option below, then complete the chart with the correct values **as of the date you first completed your 2026-2027 FAFSA.**

- The information initially reported on the FAFSA was correct and the conflicting information was reported in error. Note – if selecting this option the values below should be **exactly** the same as reported on the first 2026-2027 FAFSA. If the values are not the same please select the second option.
- The information initially reported on the FAFSA was incorrect due to an error in completion.

Asset Information – Please enter “0” if applicable – <b>Do not leave any space blank</b>	Student	Spouse (if married)
Please list the total balance of <b>cash, savings, and checking accounts</b> as of the date your FAFSA was completed. <b>Don’t include</b> student financial aid.	\$	\$
Please list the net worth of investments, including real estate, as of the date your FAFSA was completed. <b>Don’t include</b> the home you live in.	\$	\$

- *Net Worth means the value minus any debts related to those same investments.*
- *Investments include real estate, trust funds, UGMA and UTMA accounts, money market funds, mutual funds, CDs, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, Coverdell savings accounts, 529 college savings plans and the refund value of 529 prepaid tuition plans, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc.*
- *Investments do not include the home you live in, retirement plans (pension funds, annuities, non-education IRAS, Keogh plans, etc.).*

Please list the net worth of your current businesses and/or investment farms as of the date your FAFSA was completed.	\$	\$
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Each person signing this worksheet certifies that all the information reported on it is complete and correct. The student and one parent whose information was reported on the FAFSA must sign and date. If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both. **IMPORTANT NOTE – “WET” SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED. DO NOT TYPE NAMES, USE IMAGES, MOUSE/TOUCHPAD DRAW SIGNATURES, ETC.**

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Signature (if married) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_