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FAFSA - IRS Data Retrieval and IRS Tax Transcript Instructions

The Office of Federal Student Aid (Department of Education) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) have worked together to develop a process, known as the IRS Data Retrieval Process, to simplify the steps to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

What is the IRS Data Retrieval? This process will allow you to automatically have your family's income information input into your 2014-15 FAFSA. The process enables FAFSA to request and retrieve the 2013 income and 2013 federal tax data directly from the IRS.

All 2014-15 FAFSA applicants, and the parents of dependent applicants, who indicate that they have filed their 2012 federal tax returns prior to completing their 2014-15 FAFSA are highly encouraged to use the FAFSA-IRS Data Retrieval process to complete the 2014-15 FAFSA.

Some Families Will Not Be Able to Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool:

- If the parents of a dependent student file separate 2013 tax returns;
- If an applicant's parent has a change in marital status after the end of the tax year (2013) on December31;
- If anyone has filed an amended 2013 federal tax return;
- If the applicant or applicant's parents have filed a 2013 foreign tax return.

Families Unable to Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool: If you are unable to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool you must request an IRS Transcript to verify your income. Please complete **IRS form 4506-T**.

How the IRS Data Retrieval works: If you and your parents have filed 2013 federal tax returns before starting the 2014-15 FAFSA, you will be able to obtain your income information while completing the 2014-15 FAFSA. If you have not filed federal tax returns before starting the 2014-15 FAFSA, you may input the IRS Data Retrieval information after filing 2013 federal tax returns by using the 2014-15 FAFSA corrections process.

Electronically filed 2013 federal tax return information will be available online from the IRS site 1-2 weeks after the 2013 federal tax return has been filed; data from paper 2013 federal tax returns will be available in 6-8 weeks.

Student and parents must actively choose to utilize the data retrieval. When you choose to do so, you will be transferred to the Internal Revenue Service web site. You will need to authenticate your identity before any personal information is displayed.

During the completion of the 2014-15 FAFSA, you will have the option to "Transfer" 2013 federal tax information to the 2014-15 FAFSA. Applicants can also choose NOT to transfer the data to the 2014-15 FAFSA. Transferred data will have a notation - "Transferred from the IRS."

FAFSA Corrections: Many parents of our new students will not have their 2013 federal tax returns completed when they apply to Bacone College. If you are a new student, you and your parents can use "estimated income" information on the initial 2014-15 FAFSA. You and your parents will be able to use the 2014-15 FAFSA corrections process when your 2013 federal tax returns are completed.

