

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
S.S.#	SVSU I.D.#	TELEPHONE #	

On your 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you marked that you were not going to file a federal income tax return for 2015. The information you provided on the FAFSA indicates that you may be required to file a tax return based on your income.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please review your records and the tables below.
2. If you are required to file taxes, the SVSU Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid cannot process any awards for you until a return has been filed and a copy of the IRS Federal Tax Return Transcript has been provided to the Campus Financial Services Center office.
3. If you were not required to file a return, please review the statement at the bottom and check the box for certification.
4. Sign and date this form, and return it to the Campus Financial Services Center.

2015 Filing Requirements for Most Taxpayers

IF your filing status is...	AND at the end of 2014 you were...	THEN file a return if your gross income was at least...
single	under 65	\$10,300
	65 or older	\$11,850
married filing jointly	under 65 (both spouses)	\$20,600
	65 or older (one spouse)	\$21,850
	65 or older (both spouses)	\$23,100
married filing separately	any age	\$4,000
head of household	under 65	\$13,250
	65 or older	\$14,800
qualifying widow(er) with dependent child	under 65	\$16,600
	65 or older	\$17,850

If your parents (or someone else) can claim you as a dependent, and any of the situations below apply to you, you must file a return. Earned income includes salaries, wages, tips, and professional fees. It also includes taxable scholarship and fellowship grants. Unearned income includes investment-type income such as taxable interest, ordinary dividends, and capital gain distributions. It also includes unemployment compensation, taxable social security benefits, pensions, annuities, and distributions of unearned income from a trust. Gross income is the total of your earned and unearned income.

If you were not age 65 or older or blind, you must file a return if any of the following apply:

- Your unearned income was more than \$1050.
- Your earned income was more than \$6,300
- Your gross income was more than the larger of:
 - \$1,050 or
 - Your earned income (up to \$5950) plus \$350.

Certification:

- I certify that my tax filing status is single, someone else cannot claim me as a dependent, and my gross income was less than \$10,300 (or \$11,850 if I qualify).
- I certify that my tax filing status is married filing jointly and that my combined income with my spouse is less than \$20,600 (or \$21,850 or \$23,100 if we qualify).
- I certify that my tax filing status is married filing separately and that my income is less than \$4,000.
- I certify that my tax filing status is head of household and that my income is less than \$13,250 (or \$14,800 if I qualify).
- I certify that my tax filing status is qualifying widow(er) with a dependent child and that my income is less than \$16,600 (or \$17,850 if I qualify).

****IF YOU HAVE CHECKED ANY OF THE BOXES ABOVE, AND YOU WILL NOT FILE A 2015 TAX RETURN, you must submit a 2015 IRS Verification of Non-Filing Letter. One should be available after June 15, 2016 at www.irs.gov. This may be obtained by completing IRS Form 4506-T, checking box 7, and submitting it to the IRS by mail or fax. This confirmation may also be available on-line by clicking on "Get a tax transcript".**

Student Signature _____

Date _____