



## Verification of High School Completion Status

The Department of Education is requiring you to provide verification of the high school completion status that you reported on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Before your eligibility for Federal financial aid can be determined, you must provide TCC with one of the following acceptable methods of verification:

- Your original high school diploma. The diploma should have an official school signature and the state or school seal.
- Your final official high school transcript that indicates the graduation date. The transcript should have an official school signature and the state or school seal.
- Your original General Educational Development (GED) certificate or GED transcript.
- An official academic transcript that indicates you successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree.
- If State law requires a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
- If State law does not require a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a transcript or the equivalent, signed by your parent or guardian, that lists the secondary school courses you completed and documents the successful completion of a secondary school education in a homeschool setting.
- If you graduated from a foreign high school, documentation is required indicating that the diploma or transcript is equivalent to a U.S. high school diploma.

Please request that the appropriate agency send the necessary document(s) to the following address:

**Central Financial Aid Office  
Tidewater Community College  
121 College Place  
Norfolk, Virginia 23510**

*If you are unable to obtain any of the items listed above, you must contact the Campus Financial Aid Office for assistance.*