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2021 Federal Tax Form (Tip Sheet)

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There are three ways to provide 2021 federal tax form information for financial aid.

1 (BEST option) – Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) in the FAFSA

- This is the easiest and most secure way to verify the 2021 tax information for financial aid
- Most students and parents are eligible to use the DRT
- One of the few exceptions is married persons who filed separately in 2021
- Please see our separate tip sheet for how to use the DRT and make sure you complete all required steps to transfer your information from the IRS into the FAFSA
- https://www.goucher.edu/financial-aid/forms-and-resources/forms

2 – Submit 2021 federal tax return forms

- Submit the federal tax form (IRS 1040) and any additional federal schedules
- There is no need to submit state tax returns
- If the return was not prepared by a person/organization with a registered PTIN number, then **please make sure you print your return and sign in ink** before scanning and sending to our office

3 – Submit a 2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript

- Can be obtained for free from the IRS
- https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript
- Please note that the transcript needed is a "Tax Return Transcript" and not the "Tax Account Transcript"

If you have any questions, or need additional assistance, please feel free to contact us:

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