What is the IRS Data Retrieval Tool?
The IRS Data Retrieval Tool allows a student (and their parents, if dependent) to retrieve financial information necessary to complete the FAFSA directly from the IRS.

Why use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool?
By using the IRS Data Retrieval:
- Most financial information questions on the application are answered by importing information
- Financial Information reported on the FAFSA is accurate
- If selected for a process called verification, copies of tax return transcripts will not be required

Who is eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool?
In order to be eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, an individual (student or parent) must:
- Have completed a tax return for the 2017 tax year
- **Not** file taxes as “Married Filing Separately” or “Head of Household”
- **Not** have filed an amended tax return
- **Not** have filed a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return
- **Not** have filed taxes recently (within the last 3 weeks if filed electronically; within the last 11 weeks if filed by mail)

Eligible individuals will be prompted to provide their FAFSA PIN and select "Link To IRS" to begin using the tool.
How do I use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool

After being determined to be eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, the applicant will be notified they are being transferred to the IRS website and to select “Proceed To IRS Site” to continue.
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Provide the following demographic information:

- Filing Status
- Address including City, State, Country and Zip Code (Note: This information must match what appears on the completed tax return.)

If the tax filer has moved since completing taxes, use the address listed on the tax return.

Select “Submit” to process
Review the financial information then check the box labeled “Transfer My Tax Information into the FAFSA” and select “Transfer now.”

The applicant will be notified upon success and returned to the FAFSA.

If the attempt is not successful the Tool will notify the applicant.

Financial Information transferred from the IRS will include “Transferred from the IRS” next to the amount. While students may edit the imported amounts it is not recommended and may result in requesting documentation if the student is selected for verification.