



## GRANT OR SCHOLARSHIP AID CONFIRMATION FORM

Please verify the taxable student grant/scholarship aid reported to the IRS and included in your 2020 adjusted gross income. Your tax return should show a notation of **SCH** and the taxable amount on the line for wages, salaries, tips, etc.

If you did not file a federal tax return, or you filed but there is no **SCH** notation on your federal tax return, this amount would be \$0.

This worksheet asks for grant/scholarship aid that were required to be reported as taxable income on your 2020 federal income tax return. The amounts for these awards would be included in the amount reported on Line 1 on the 1040 and included in Line 7's total. This would include AmeriCorp benefits (awards, living allowances and interest accrual payments), as well as grant or scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships.

**Grant/scholarship aid is only required to be reported as taxable income if the amount received exceeds the cost of tuition, fees, and course related expenses such as books and supplies.** Many grants and scholarships are tax-free, provided they meet criteria established by the IRS – **do not report such tax free grants and scholarships.**

Many families report a dollar figure for this question in error. The purpose of this form is to confirm that you received grant/scholarship aid in 2020 in excess, and were required to report it as taxable income.

## CERTIFICATION & SIGNATURE

Check one of the boxes below to confirm your response to FAFSA question #44D.

- I was required to report \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in grant/scholarship aid received in 2020 as income on my federal tax return. I am enclosing documentation that supports this fact.\*

\* Attach a copy of your 1098-T and pages one and two of your 1040.

- I did not receive grant/scholarship aid that I was required to report as taxable income on my federal tax return. Please update this question on my FAFSA to \$0.

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Signing this worksheet certifies that all of the information reported on it is complete and correct. **Digital/electronic signatures cannot be accepted. All parties must sign and date in ink.**

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**Last Name**

Please Print

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**First Name**

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**Student ID Number**

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**Student's Signature**

Required

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

You can submit this form via email to [financialaid@ben.edu](mailto:financialaid@ben.edu); fax the document to 630-829-6101; or upload the completed form to the Financial Aid dropbox located on our [website](#).

**WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.**