



2025-2026 FOREIGN HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA – FACT SHEET

The Department of Education has provided Colleges/Universities the following guidelines for determining financial aid eligibility when an applicant indicates that they completed their secondary school education in a foreign country:

1. In most cases, applicants who completed their secondary school education in a foreign country will be able to obtain a copy of their foreign high school diploma or transcript.
2. Applicants who cannot obtain a copy of their foreign high school diploma or transcript may also document their high school completion status by obtaining a copy of a "secondary school leaving certificate" (or similar document) from the Ministry of Education in the country where they completed high school. For assistance in obtaining documentation of high school completion status, applicants may contact the high school, the Ministry of Education or that country's consulate in the United States.
3. In cases where an applicant who entered the U.S. as a *refugee*, *asylee*, or *victim of human trafficking* cannot obtain documentation of their foreign high school completion status, the applicant may submit the following to the institution:
 - Proof of your attempt to obtain documentation of your foreign high school completion status (e.g., copy of an email or letter, including proof of mailing) if the applicant does not receive any response or documentation within 30 days;

AND

- A signed and dated statement that indicates that they completed a high school education in a foreign country, the name and address of the foreign high school where they completed their high school education and the date when their foreign high school diploma was awarded;

AND

- A copy of the entry status documentation (e.g., I-94, passport, DHS correspondence) that identifies their current or prior status as a *refugee asylee*, or *victim of human trafficking* who entered the United States after age 15.

If you are or were classified as a *refugee*, *asylee* or *victim of human trafficking* and are unable to obtain verification of your foreign high school completion status you will need to provide all of the required documentation listed under #3 above and speak with a Financial Aid Advisor during regular Advising hours.



2025-2026 VERIFICATION OF FOREIGN HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION

Statement of Completion of Foreign High School (Complete **all** information in the box below)

Student's Name: _____
GCC ID #: _____
Name of Foreign High School (print clearly): _____
Address of Foreign High School: _____
Date Foreign High School Diploma was awarded: _____

Proof of your attempt to obtain documentation of completion your foreign high school completion status (e.g., copy of an email or letter, including proof of mailing) because no response or documentation was received after 30 days

Copy of documentation (e.g., I-94, passport, DHS correspondence) verifying entry status to U.S. as *refugee, asylee* or *victim of human trafficking*

CERTIFICATION: I certify that all information reported on this form is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide proof of the information that I have reported on this form. False statements or misrepresentation will be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of financial aid. I give permission to the Financial Aid Office to make corrections and/or adjustments to data on my FAFSA based on forms and/or documents submitted.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

UNSIGNED FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED