

## VERIFICATION STATEMENT FOR 2021

THE IRS NOW REQUIRES THAT YOU PROVIDE DOCUMENTS (BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND SOCIAL SECURITY CARD(S)) TO SUBSTANTIATE THAT YOU ARE ENTITLED TO THE CREDITS CLAIMED ON THIS 2021 TAX RETURN.

**Complete the next 5 questions if you are claiming Earned Income Credit**  
**Please circle either a YES OR NO and sign and date. Thank You!**

- 1) Is the child your biological, adopted or foster child that lived with you all year.  
For foster child additional documentation is required YES NO
- 2) Did the child live with you for **greater** than 182 days in 2021 YES NO
- 3) Did you have a child that was born and/or died in 2021 YES NO  
If yes date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ date of death \_\_\_\_\_  
If a birth please bring in Social Security card and birth certificate.
- 4) Enter the address where you lived with the child/children  
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- 5) Did any other person (except spouse if married filing jointly and your dependents under age 19) live with you and your dependents for more than half the year  
If you answered yes please give name and relationship to the child - children) YES NO  
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**Complete the 6 questions if you are claiming the American Opportunity Tax Credit also known as College Tax Credit or Education Credit.**

- 1) Do you have a 2021 Form 1098-T **AND** Bursar statement from your child's institution?  
If you answered no please acquire one, students can often do this on line. Also course-related books, supplies and equipment. YES NO
- 2) Did the student receive a 1098 -T from this institution for 2020 with box 2 filled in and box 7 checked? Please bring in 1098-T for 2020 YES NO
- 3) Has the American Opportunities Credit or Hope Scholarship Credit been claimed for ANY 4 years before 2021? YES NO
- 4) Was the student enrolled at least half time for a least one academic period that began or treated as began before the end of 2021 at an eligible institution in a program leading to a postsecondary degree, certification or other credential? YES NO
- 5) Did the student complete the first four years of postsecondary education before 2021? YES NO
- 6) Was the student convicted before the end of 2021 of a felony possession of a controlled substance? YES NO

**Complete these questions if you are claiming the Child Tax Credit**

- 1) Does the child reside with you full time? YES NO
- 2) If child does not reside with you do you have a Form 8332, Release /Revocation of Claim to Exemption by Custodial Parent, or similar statement? (Please bring a copy) YES NO
- 3) Have you released your claim to the child to another person? YES NO

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_, Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

Spouse Signature: \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_