



2024-25 Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

Student's Name: _____ **USC ID:** _____

Your 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has been selected for review in a process called verification. Before offering federal student aid, we are required to verify your identity and collect a signed Statement of Educational Purpose.

If you are appearing in person to the Financial Aid Office, bring your photo ID. You will complete this form in the presence of a Financial Aid Officer. If you are unable to appear in person at the Financial Aid Office, you will complete this form in the presence of a notary, who will confirm your identification.

To Be Signed at the Institution

The student must appear in person at the University of South Carolina _____ to verify his or her
(campus)
identity by presenting an unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport. The institution will maintain a copy of the student's photo ID that is annotated by the institution with the date it was received and reviewed, and the name of the official at the institution authorized to receive and review the student's ID.

In addition, the student must sign, **in the presence of the institutional official**, the Statement of Educational Purpose provided below.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____ am the individual signing this Statement of
(Print Student's Name)
Educational Purpose and that the Federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending the University of South Carolina _____ for 2024-25.
(campus)

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Office Use Only

With my signature, I verify that I have obtained a copy of the above student's photo ID and witnessed their signature to this statement.

Financial Aid Officer's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Type of unexpired government-issued photo ID provided: _____

**To Be Signed in the Presence of a Notary
(If not appearing in person at the campus Financial Aid Office)**

If the student is unable to appear in person at the University of South Carolina _____ to verify his
(campus)
or her identity, the applicant must provide to the institution:

- (a) A copy of the unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID) that is acknowledged in the notary statement below, or that is presented to a notary, such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport; and
- (b) The original Statement of Educational Purpose provided below, which must be notarized. If the notary statement appears on a separate page than the Statement of Educational Purpose, there must be a clear indication that the Statement of Educational Purpose was the document notarized.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____ am the individual signing this Statement of
(Print Student's Name)
Educational Purpose and that the Federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending the University of South Carolina _____ for 2024-25.
(campus)

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of _____

City/County of _____

On this ____ day of _____, 20____, before me personally appeared _____,
(Printed name of signer)

who provided satisfactory evidence of his or her identification to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument and he or she acknowledged that he or she executed the foregoing instrument by his or her signature here.

Type of unexpired government-issued photo ID provided: _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this the ____ day of _____, 20____.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

Official Signature of Notary: _____

Notary's printed/typed name: _____

(seal)

My commission expires on _____