



## 2020-2021 IDENTITY AND STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. The law says that before awarding Federal Student Aid, we may ask you to confirm the information you reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information, we will compare your FAFSA with the information on the verification document and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to the Financial Aid Office. We may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact us as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student's Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**VIP ID**

### (To Be Signed at the Institution)

An applicant must appear in person and present the following documentation to our office to verify applicant's identity:

- a) A copy of the unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID) that is acknowledged in the notary statement below, such as but not limited to a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport;
- AND**
- b) Complete the signed statement below certifying that the Federal student financial assistance received will only be used for educational purposes to pay the cost of attending our institution for the 2020-2021 award year.

In addition, the student must sign, in the presence of the institutional official, the following:

### Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I \_\_\_\_\_ am the individual signing this  
 (Print Student's Name)

Statement of 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

\_\_\_\_\_ for 2020-2021.  
 (Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Student's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Date)

**(To Be Signed in the Presence of a Notary)**

If the applicant is unable to appear in person at **University of South Carolina** to verify his or her identity, the applicant must provide:

- (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 notarized Statement of Educational Purpose provided below which must be notarized.

**Statement of Educational Purpose**

I certify that I \_\_\_\_\_ am the individual signing this  
(Print Student's Name)

Statement of 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 \_\_\_\_\_ for 2020-2021.

(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's ID Number)

**Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement**

State of \_\_\_\_\_

City/County of \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Date) (Notary's name)

personally appeared, \_\_\_\_\_, and proved to me  
(Printed name of signer)

on basis of satisfactory evidence of identification \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type of unexpired government-issued photo ID provided)

to be the above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument.

**WITNESS my hand and official seal**

(seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary signature)

My commission expires on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)