



**2025-26 Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose**

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **USC ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your 2025-26 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.

Please appear in person to the Financial Aid Office with your unexpired government-issued photo ID to 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 2025-26.  
(campus)

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement**

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

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

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

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

evidence of identification \_\_\_\_\_ to be the above-named person  
(Type of unexpired government-issued photo ID provided)

who signed the foregoing instrument.

**WITNESS** my hand and official seal

Official Signature of Notary: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary's printed/typed name: \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires on \_\_\_\_\_

(seal)