

## 2023-2024 Identity & Statement of Educational Purpose

The U.S. Department of Education has selected your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for review in a process called **verification**. To proceed with your application, you must **verify your identity** and sign a **Statement of Educational Purpose**.

Select **ONE** option below to verify your identity and sign a Statement of Educational Purpose:

- Option 1** – Appear in person at Northwest University (*Page 1*)
- Option 2** – Appear in person before a Notary Public (*Page 2*)

### Student Information

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NU Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

### Option 1 – Appear in Person at Northwest University

Visit Student Financial Services (SFS) at Northwest University to **present your unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID)**, such as, but not limited to a driver’s license, other state-issued ID, or passport. Northwest University will complete the *Identity Verification* section below and maintain a copy of your photo ID annotated by an authorized SFS employee with the date it was received and reviewed. You must also **sign the Statement of Educational Purpose below in the presence of the authorized SFS employee**.

#### Statement of Educational Purpose

“I certify that I \_\_\_\_\_ am the individual signing this Statement of Educational Purpose and that the  
*(Print Student’s Full Name)*  
Federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending Northwest University for 2023-2024.”

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Signed** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(required)*

*– Must be signed in the presence of an authorized SFS employee –*

#### Identity Verification – Student Financial Services Use Only

**SFS Employee Name/Position** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Appeared in Person?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Signed in Person?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Photo ID Collected/Description** \_\_\_\_\_

**Option 2 – Appear in Person Before a Notary Public**

If you are unable to appear in person at Northwest University, **you must present your unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID)**, such as, but not limited to a driver’s license, other state-issued ID, or passport **in the presence of a Notary Public**. The government-issued photo ID presented must be acknowledged by the Notary in the *Identity Verification – Notary’s Certificate of Acknowledgment* section below. You must also **sign the Statement of Educational Purpose below in the presence of the Notary**.

Once both sections below are signed and complete, **you must mail this form along with a copy of the notarized government-issued photo ID using the U.S. Postal Service** (or some other hardcopy delivery method) to Student Financial Services. Schools must maintain the hardcopy with the original "wet" signature in the student’s file. An emailed or faxed copy is **not** acceptable for verifying Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose.

Statement of Educational Purpose

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(Print Student’s Full Name)  
 Federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending Northwest University for 2023-2024.”

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Signed** \_\_\_\_\_  
(required)

**– Must be signed in the presence of the Notary Public referenced below –**

Identity Verification – Notary’s Certificate of Acknowledgement

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ personally appeared and proved to me, on the basis of satisfactory evidence  
(Printed name of signer; student’s full name)

of identification, \_\_\_\_\_, to be the above-named person who signed the  
(Type of valid government-issued photo ID provided)

foregoing instrument (the “**Statement of Educational Purpose**” above).

**WITNESS my hand & official seal:**  
(Place Seal Below) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary signature)

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