

2025-2026 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 verify your 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. Northwest University will complete the *Identity Verification – Student Financial Services Use Only* 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 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 2025-2026.”

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 verify your identity by presenting 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 Public**.

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

“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 2025-2026.”

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)