



2020-2021 Verification Worksheet – V4  
**Independent Student**

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

Your 2020–2021 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 this institutional verification document and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You and a spouse (if applicable) whose information was reported on the FAFSA must complete and sign this institutional verification document, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to us. 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.

**A) High School Completion Status (You MUST check one)**

I have enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ to indicate the student’s High School Completion Status. (Document from list below)

I cannot provide any of the documents listed below and will contact the Financial Aid Office.

Enclose one of the following documents that indicate the student’s high school completion status when the student will begin college in 2020-2021. Indicate which document you have enclosed in the space provided above. If you cannot provide any of the following documents you MUST contact the Financial Aid Office.

1. A copy of the student’s high school diploma.
2. A copy of the student’s final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
3. A copy of the student’s General Educational Development (GED) certificate, an official GED
4. Transcript that indicates the student passed the exam, or a state-authorized high school equivalent certificate.
5. For students who completed secondary education in a foreign country, a copy of the “secondary school leaving certificate” or other similar document.
6. An academic transcript that indicates the student successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor’s degree.
7. For a homeschooled student from a state where state law requires the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
8. For a homeschooled student from a state where state law does not require the student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a transcript or the equivalent, signed by the student's parent or guardian, that lists the secondary school courses the student completed and includes a statement that the student successfully completed a secondary school education in a homeschool setting.

## B) Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

You must complete the Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (English or Spanish) below. You can either complete the sections in front of a member of the Elizabethtown College Financial Aid Staff (1) or in front of a Notary (2). If you choose to complete these sections in front of a Notary, the Notary must complete the Certificate of Acknowledgement on page 4. DO NOT complete these sections without a member of the Financial Aid Staff or a Notary being present.

### English Version

#### 1) Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (To Be Signed at the Institution)

The student must appear in person at \_\_\_\_\_ to  
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

verify his or her 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.

#### 2) Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (To Be Signed in the Presence of a Notary)

If the student is unable to appear in person at \_\_\_\_\_ to verify his or her identity,  
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)  
the student 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  
(Print Student's Name)

this 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)

## Spanish Version

### 1) Verificación de Identidad y Declaración de Propósito Educativo (Para ser firmadas en la institución)

El estudiante debe comparecer en persona en \_\_\_\_\_ para  
(Nombre de la institución educativa postsecundaria)  
verificar su identidad mediante la presentación de una identificación con fotografía (ID) válida emitida por el gobierno que no haya expirado, como una licencia de conducir, otro tipo de identificación emitida por el estado o pasaporte, entre otros. La institución conservará una copia de la identificación con fotografía del estudiante en la cual se anotará la fecha en la que se recibió y revisó, y el nombre del funcionario de la institución autorizado a recibir y revisar las identificaciones de los estudiantes.

Además, el estudiante debe firmar, en presencia del funcionario de la institución, la Declaración de Propósito Educativo proporcionada a continuación.

### 2) Verificación de Identidad y Declaración de Propósito Educativo (Para ser firmadas en la presencia de un notario)

Si el estudiante no es capaz de comparecer en persona en \_\_\_\_\_  
(Nombre de la institución educativa postsecundaria)  
para verificar su identidad, el mismo debe proporcionar a la institución:

- (a) una copia de la de identificación con fotografía (ID) válida emitida por el gobierno que no haya expirado, que se reconoce en la declaración del notario que aparece a continuación, o que se presenta ante un notario, como una licencia de conducir, otro tipo de identificación emitida por el estado o pasaporte, entre otros; y
- (b) la Declaración de Propósito Educativo original proporcionada a continuación debe ser notariada. Si la declaración del notario aparece en una página separada de la Declaración de Propósito Educativo, se debe indicar de manera clara que la Declaración de Propósito Educativo era el documento notariado.

### Declaración de Propósito Educativo

Certifico que yo, \_\_\_\_\_, soy el individuo que firma esta  
[Imprimir Nombre del Estudiante]

Declaración de Propósito Educativo y que la ayuda financiera federal estudiantil que yo pueda recibir, sólo será utilizada para fines educativos y para pagar el costo de asistir a \_\_\_\_\_ para 2020–2021.  
[Imprimir Nombre de Institución Educativa Postsecundaria]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Firma del Estudiante]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[la Fecha]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Número de Identificación del Estudiante]

## Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

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

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

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

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

evidence of identification \_\_\_\_\_ to be the above named-person who signed the  
(Type of government-issued photo ID provided)  
foregoing instrument.

**WITNESS my hand and official seal**  
(seal)

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

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

**Please return completed forms to the Financial Aid Office.  
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