



**Financial Aid**  
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**2026-2027  
 V4/V5 VERIFICATION  
 IDENTITY AND STATEMENT  
 OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE  
 (NOTARY)**

Please print clearly

STUDENT LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ECC ID #	HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE

*This form includes a requirement for signature and seal by a Notary Public. See the reverse side of this form.*

Your 2026-2027 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®. 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.

**Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose, to be signed at Essex County College**

The student must appear in person at Essex County College to verify his or her identity by presenting a 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 with the date it was received and the name of the official at the institution authorized to collect the student's ID.

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

**Statement of Identity and Educational Purpose**

I certify that I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Student's Name), am the individual signing this Statement of Identity and 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 Essex County College for 2026-2027 award year.

Student Signature (full signature, no initials)	Date

**Notary:** 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  
 (Type of government-issued photo ID provided)  
 signed the foregoing instrument.

**WITNESS my hand and official seal**

(Notary signature): \_\_\_\_\_ (Place seal here)

My commission expires on \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_