



# Southwestern Michigan College

## 2024-2025 Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose



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### \*\*To Be Signed in the Presence of a Notary\*\*

**Instructions:**

If the student is unable to appear in person at Southwestern Michigan College to verify his or her identity, the student must provide:

- (a) A copy of the 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, which is provided below and 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

for 2024-2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's ID Number

### **Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement**

*Notary's certification may vary by state*

State of \_\_\_\_\_ City/County of \_\_\_\_\_ On (Date) \_\_\_\_\_,  
 before me (Notary's Name), \_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared (Printed Name of Signer), \_\_\_\_\_, and proved to me on basis of satisfactory evidence of identification (Type Gov't. of ID Provided) \_\_\_\_\_ to be the above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument.

**WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal**

Notary Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

(To be completed by SMC staff)

_____ <b>SMC Staff Signature</b>	_____ <b>Date</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <b>Copy of Identification</b>
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