



2026-2027 Identity Verification and Statement of Educational Purpose

In addition to the information submitted through your FAFSA application, you will be required to complete an identity verification process and to submit a statement of educational purpose, as outlined below. Please follow the instructions and submit all documents to the Office of Financial Aid as soon as possible so that we are able to process your 2026-2027 financial aid award.

If you are unable to appear in person at **Rhode Island College** to verify your identity, you must provide the following to our office:

- 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, complete with notary's certificate of acknowledgment.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I, _____, certify that I am the individual signing this Statement of Educational Purpose.

I also certify that the federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending **Rhode Island College** for the 2026-2027 aid year.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

RIC Student ID Number: _____

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

State: _____ City/County: _____

On _____, _____ personally appeared before me,
(Date) (Printed Student Name)

_____, and proved on the basis of satisfactory evidence of identification,
(Printed Notary Name)

_____, to be the above-named individual who signed the foregoing instrument
(Type of valid government photo 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)

Notary Seal

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