

**WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

**Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose
2025-2026**

DEADLINES – Please visit www.winthrop.edu/finaid/verification for processing deadlines

Two Ways To Submit The *Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose* Information:

- 1) In Person** (recommend if you will be near Winthrop campus before August 19, 2025)
 - a. You must appear in person in the Office of Financial Aid at **Winthrop 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.
 - b. Winthrop will maintain a copy of your 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.
 - c. You must sign an *Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose* in person in the Office of Financial Aid at **Winthrop University**. The form will be provided by the Financial Aid Administrator.

- 2) By Mail** (notary may charge you for this service)
 - a. Complete the *Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose by Mail* on page 2
 - b. You must appear in person at a notary to verify your 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.
 - c. You must sign the *Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose* in front of the notary.
 - d. Then **mail** the *Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose* form along with a copy of the valid government-issued photo identification (ID) that is acknowledged by the notary to Office of Financial Aid (we cannot accept a copy – it must be mailed).

Contact the Office of Financial Aid with any questions or concerns.

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**Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose – Submitted By Mail
2025-2026**

Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has been selected for verification and cannot be processed further until you complete this form and submit it to the Office of Financial Aid.

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INSTRUCTIONS - This statement must be completed and signed in the presence of a Notary. **Do not complete the form in advance. You must MAIL** the completed form to Office of Financial Aid so we receive it with original signatures. Include a copy of your government-issued photo ID.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____ am the individual signing this *Statement of Educational Purpose*
(Print Student's Name)

and that the Federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending **Winthrop University** for 2025-2026.

(Student's Signature)

(Date)

(Student's Winthrop ID Number)

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
(Type of unexpired government-issued photo ID provided)

signed the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

(seal)

(Notary signature)

My commission expires on _____
(Date)