

Financial Aid

Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose



Your application was selected by the government for review in a process called *Verification*. As part of this process, Saint Mary's College is required to obtain verification of your identity and a signed Statement of Educational Purpose. You have two options to fulfill this requirement:

OPTION 1 – Meet with a Financial Aid representative in person or with a virtual meeting. Have your original identification documentation with you at the time of the meeting. If virtual, the Financial Aid representative will need to take a screenshot of you with your valid identification for documentation purposes.

If in person at the Financial Aid Office of Saint Mary's College:

- 1) Verify your identity by submitting a valid government-issued photo ID. Saint Mary's College will make a copy of the document.
- 2) Sign, in the presence of the Saint Mary's College staff member, the following statement.

I certify that I _____ (Print Student's Name) am the individual signing 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 Saint Mary's College for 2026-2027.

(Student's Signature)

(Date)

(Student's ID Number)

Financial Aid Office Use Only

Type of documentation submitted (attach a copy to this form):

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License | <input type="checkbox"/> In person |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Issued ID Card | <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Meeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> US Passport | |

I verify that I am an institutionally authorized individual, and have seen the original identification documentation selected above.

Financial Aid Administrator Signature

Date

Financial Aid Administrator PRINT NAME

OPTION 2 – Sign this form in-person when meeting with a Notary Public

If you are unable to appear in person at the Financial Aid Office of Saint Mary’s College you must:

- 1) Sign the following statement in the presence of a Notary and,
- 2) Send the original signed and notarized form back to the Financial Aid Office at Saint Mary’s College along with a copy of the unexpired valid government-issued photo identification which was provided to the Notary.

I certify that I _____ (Print Student’s Name) am the individual signing 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 Saint Mary’s College for 2026-2027.

(Student’s Signature) (Date)

(Student’s ID Number)

Notary’s Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of _____ City/County of _____

On _____, before me, _____,
(Date) (Print Notary Name)

personally appeared, _____ and provided to me on basis of
(Print Name of Signer)

satisfactory evidence of identification _____, to be the
(Type of unexpired government-issued photo ID provided)

above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal _____
(Notary Signature)

(Seal)

My commission expires on _____
(Date)

Mail the original wet-ink document to our office with a copy of the original documentation presented.