

# 2025-2026 **Customized Verification Worksheet Independent Student**

\*\*\*Black Ink Only\*\*\*

Your 2025-2026 FAFSA was selected for verification by the Dept. of Education, requiring us to confirm your identity via photo identification. You are required to complete the verification process in order to receive financial aid. The Office of Financial Assistance may request additional information or documents in order to complete verification. Please respond with all documentation within 14 days. Please allow 3-5 business day for review. More information is available at *uiw.edu/finaid*.

Student Name

Student ID

Student Phone Number (include area code)

Indicate which option you will choose to verify your identity and complete your statement of educational purpose:

**OPTION 1:** In Person at the UIW Office of Financial Assistance (see below)

**OPTION 2:** Remote using a notary (skip to page 2) Cannot be accepted via fax, email, or online submission. Online meeting with UIW Financial Assistance Advisor will also be required for remote option.

## **OPTION 1: IN PERSON** Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (To be signed at the UIW OFA)

The student **must appear in person** at the Office of Financial Assistance at the University of the Incarnate Word to verify their 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 office, the statement below.

### **Step 1: Statement of Educational Purpose**

am the individual signing this Statement of Educational

I certify that I, \_\_\_\_\_\_(Print Student's Name)

Purpose and that the federal student financial assistance I receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending the University of the Incarnate Word for the 2025-2026 academic year.

### Student's Signature:

UIW Official's Signature:

# **Step 2: Certification and Signature**

I certify that all information reported on this worksheet is complete and accurate. I understand if I purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, I may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

### **Student Signature (Required)**

\*All signatures must be handwritten in black ink only. Electronic/typed signatures and signatures made with an electronic pen will not be accepted.

#### For UIW Office of Financial Assistance Use Only:

□ Obtained a copy of valid government-issued photo ID

Annotated date received and name of UIW official on copy of photo ID

# **Date (Required)**

Date:

Date:

### **OPTION 2: REMOTE Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (must include notary signature)**

If the student **is unable to appear in person** at the University of the Incarnate Word to verify their identity, the student must provide a copy of a valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport. The copy of the government-issued photo identification (ID) must be the same one that is acknowledged in the notary statement below. The copy must be presented to the notary at the same time the statement below is signed.

- Students needing to complete the Customized Verification Worksheet remotely must submit the form by mail with original signature; cannot be accepted via fax, email, or online submission.
- The UIW Office of Financial Assistance will reach out to the student via email once the worksheet is received to schedule an online appointment.

## **Step 1: Statement of Educational Purpose**

I certify that I, \_\_\_\_\_\_ am the individual signing this Statement of Educational (Print Student's Name)

Purpose and that the federal student financial assistance I receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending the University of the Incarnate Word for the 2025-2026 academic year.

### Student's Signature:

Date:

# Step 2: Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

| Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgment  |                 |                   |             |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| State of City/County of   |                 |                   |             |
| On (date), t  | before me,      | ,                 |             |
|   | (Notary's name) |                   |             |
|   | and pr          | ovided to me on l | basis of    |
| (Printed name of student)   |                 |                   |             |
| satisfactory evidence of identification<br>(Indicate type of government-issued photo ID (e.g., driver's license, passport)) |                 |                   |             |
| The identification number and expiration date listed on the ID is   |                 |                   |             |
|   | (Identificat    | tion number)      | (Exp. date) |
| Witness my hand and official seal   |                 | (SEAL)            |             |
| Printed name:   |                 |                   |             |
| My commission expires on (date)   |                 |                   |             |
|   |                 |                   |             |
|   |                 |                   |             |

# Step 3: Certification and Signature

I certify that all information reported on this worksheet is complete and accurate. I understand if I purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, I may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

# **Student Signature (Required)**

Date (Required)

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