

2025-26 Identity Verification**Student's Name:** _____ **USC ID:** _____

Your 2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has been selected for review in a process called verification. Before we may offer or disburse federal student aid to you, we must verify your identity.

Please appear in person at your campus Financial Aid Office with your unexpired, valid, government-issued photo ID. A Financial Aid Counselor will verify your identity and make a copy of your ID that will be held in your financial aid record.

- Acceptable identification includes your state issued driver's license or other state-issued ID, or your passport. An ID issued by a state university or college or a military ID are NOT accepted identification for this process.
- If you are unable to appear in person, present your identification to a notary to be acknowledged in the notary statement on the back of this form.

Office Use Only**To be completed by the Official Authorized by the Financial Aid Office**

With my signature, I confirm that I have obtained a copy of the above student's photo ID and verified that it belongs to the student listed above.

Financial Aid Officer's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____**Type of unexpired government-issued photo ID provided:** _____

Instructions If Unable to Appear in Person

If you are unable to appear in person at your campus Financial Aid Office, present your identification to a Notary and sign the following statement in their presence. Then submit this notarized form along with a legible copy of your unexpired, valid, government issued photo identification to your campus Financial Aid Office. Acceptable identification includes your state issued driver's license or other state-issued ID, or your passport.

To Be Signed in the Presence of a Notary

I, _____, am unable to appear in person at the University of
(Printed name of student)

South Carolina _____ to have my identity verified. I understand that along with
(Campus)

this notarized statement, I must provide to the institution a legible copy of my unexpired, valid, government-issued photo identification acknowledged in the notary statement below.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of _____

City/County of _____

On _____, before me, _____, personally
(date) (Notary's name)
appeared, _____, and proved to me because of satisfactory
(Printed name of signer)
evidence of identification _____ to be the above-named person
(Type of unexpired government-issued photo ID provided)
who signed the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

(seal)

Official Signature of Notary: _____

Notary's printed/typed name: _____

My commission expires on: _____