

2025-2026 Verification Form

Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for additional verification by the US Department of Education. This verification form explains what you need to do to complete this process.

Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

Instructions: Bring this form to the Bethel University Office of Financial Aid along with valid government-issued photo identification. Wait to sign this form until you meet with financial aid personnel. If you are unable to appear in person at Bethel University, complete the notarized version of the Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose. The original notarized document and copies of the accompanying government issued photo identification the notary used must be delivered to the Office of Financial Aid. Faxed and emailed copies are not acceptable. Please contact the financial aid office if you have questions or concerns about the verification process.

Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (To Be Signed at the Institution)

The student **must appear in person** at Bethel University to verify his or her 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. The institution will maintain a copy of the student's photo ID that is annotated by the institution with the date it was received and reviewed, and the name of the official at the institution authorized to receive and review the student's ID.

In addition, the student must sign, in the presence of the institutional official, the Statement of Educational Purpose provided below.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I(Print Student's I	am the individual signing this
•	e and that the Federal student financial assistance or educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending <u>Bethe</u>
(Student's Signature)	(Date)
(Student's Bethel ID Number)	

Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (To Be Signed With Notary)

If the student is unable to appear in person at Bethel University to verify his or her identity, the student must provide to the institution:

- 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 notarized Statement of Educational Purpose provided below, which must be notarized. If the notary statement appears on a separate page than the Statement of Educational Purpose, there must be a clear indication that the Statement of Educational Purpose was the document notarized.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I		am the individual signing this	
,	nt Student's Name)		
	·	he Federal student financial assistance	
•		al purposes and to pay the cost of attending <u>Bethel</u>	
<u>University</u> for 20)25-2026.		
			
(Student's Signatu	ire)	(Date)	
(Student's Bethel	ID Number)		
	Sample of a Notary's Certif	icate of Acknowledgement	
	Notary's certificatio	_	
	Notary's certificatio	ining vary by state	
State of			
City/County of			
On	, before me,		
(Date)		(Notary's name)	
personally appeared,		, and proved to me	
	(Printed name of signer)		
on basis of satisfactory e	evidence of identification		
		overnment-issued photo ID provided)	
to be the above-named	person who signed the foreg	oing instrument.	
WITNESS my hand and o	official seal		
(seal)			
		(Notary signature)	
My commission expires	on		
	(Date)		

Mail original notarized verification form, along with copy of appropriate identity documentation to:

Office of Financial Aid ● Bethel University ● 3900 Bethel Drive ● St. Paul, MN 55112 ● Faxed, copied or uploaded documents are not acceptable