Southwestern Michigan College
2025-2026 Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

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To Be Signed in the Presence of a Notary

Instructions:

If the student is unable to appear in person at Southwestern Michigan College to verify his or her identity, the student must provide:

(a) A copy of the 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 Statement of Educational Purpose, which is provided below and 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 Statement of
　　　　　　　　　　Print Student's Name

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 _____
　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

for 2025-2026

_____　　　　_____
Student's Signature　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Date

_____
Student's ID Number

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement
Notary's certification may vary by state

State of _____ City/County of _____On (Date) _____,
before me (Notary's Name), _____, personally appeared (Printed Name of Signer), _____, and proved to me on basis of satisfactory evidence of identification (Type Gov't. of ID Provided) _____to be the above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal

Notary Signature: _____

My commission expires on: _____
　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　(Date)

(To be completed by SMC staff)

		Yes ☐
_____	_____	_____
SMC Staff Signature	Date	Copy of Identification