

2025-2026 Identity Verification and Statement of Educational Purpose

Student Name: _____ Cortland ID#: C00_____

Your FAFSA was selected for verification. We are required to verify your identity and to collect your Statement of Educational Purpose.

You can do this one of two ways:

1. Appear in person at SUNY Cortland's Financial Aid Office with page one of this form and a valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as but not limited to: a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport.
2. If you are unable to appear in person, page two of this document must be completed and the original mailed to SUNY Cortland's Financial Aid Office along with 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 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 official**, the following:

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____ am the individual signing this
(Print Student's Name)

Statement of Educational Purpose and that the federal student financial aid I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending the State University of New York at Cortland for 2025-2026.

Student Signature (*must sign at time of appearance*)

Date

Financial Aid Office use only:

I have reviewed the valid government issued photo ID for the student listed above a copy is attached to this form.

Name of Institutional Official: _____

Date received: _____

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If unable to appear in person at SUNY Cortland's Financial Aid Office, the student must provide:

- a) A copy of the unexpired, valid government-issued photo identification that is acknowledged in the notary statement below, 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.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____ am the individual signing this
(Print Student's Name)

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Student Signature

Date

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

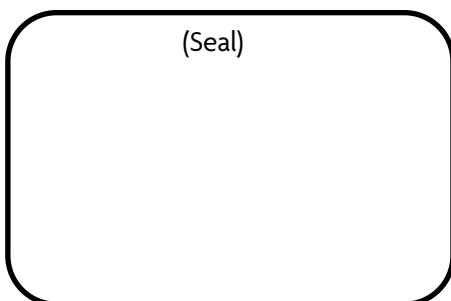
State of _____ City/County of _____

On _____, before me, _____
(Date) (Notary's Name)

personally appeared _____, and provided to me
(Printed Name of Signer)

on basis of satisfactory evidence of identification _____
(Type of Government-Issued Photo ID Provided)

to be the above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument. **Witness my hand and official seal.**



(Notary Signature)

Commission expires on _____
(Date)

Please return completed form to:
SUNY Cortland Financial Aid Office
PO Box 2000
Cortland, NY 13045