

**Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose  
(To Be Signed in Presence of Notary)**

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

- (a) **A copy of the unexpired valid government-issued photo identification** (ID) that is acknowledged in the notary statement below, such as but not limited to a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport; (*this document cannot have expired*). Military identification cards cannot be accepted.
- (b) The **original** notarized Statement of Educational Purpose provided below (**An email or fax of this form is not acceptable**).

**BOTH THE ORIGINAL NOTARIZED FORM AND A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR ID MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE SAME TIME.**

**Statement of Educational Purpose**

I certify that I \_\_\_\_\_ am the individual signing this  
(Print Student Name)

Statement of 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 Southern Illinois University Carbondale for 2025-2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature) (Date)

**NOTE: Signatures must be handwritten. Computer fonts are not acceptable.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student ID Number)

**Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement**

State of \_\_\_\_\_

City/County of \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Date) (Notary 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**

(seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary signature)

My commission expires on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Mail form to address above.