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Verification of Identity/Statement of Educational Purpose 2026-2027

Your 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has been selected by the US Department of Education for review in a process called Verification. You have been selected in a verification category that requires you to complete a Statement of Educational Purpose and for Harvard to verify your identity. Please refer to the instructions below to complete these two steps.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I, _____, am the individual signing this
(*Print your full name exactly as printed on your government-issued photo ID)*
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 Harvard College for the 2026–2027 academic year.

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(Student's Signature) (Date)

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(Student's HUID Number)

Verification of Identity

Please submit a valid, unexpired government-issued photo identification (photo ID) which can include, but is not limited to, the following:

- U.S. Passport;
- Driver's license;
- Non-driver's identification card;
- Other state-issued ID;
- Permanent Resident Card or Resident Alien Card (I-551, can be photocopied for Title IV purposes);
- Certificate of Naturalization if it contains a recognizable photo (even though it does not have an expiration date);
- Inmate ID from a government facility (even if it does not have an expiration date); or
- State-issued voter ID (even if it does not have an expiration date).

This form should be signed in person in the Financial Aid Office. If you have any questions about the Verification process, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

This form is required in compliance with the verification process of the U.S. Department of Education's Federal Student Aid Programs. Failure to complete the form may result in the withdrawal of federal aid. Knowingly false or misleading information submitted on this form is punishable by a fine and/or jail time.