

Statement of Educational Purpose and Proof of Identity

The U.S. Department of Education has requested that, you, the student, submit this completed form along with proof of your identity to the Financial Aid Office. You will print off this form and use one of the two options below:

Option #1: Submitting the form and proof of identity in person

1) The student must appear in person at the Colorado Mesa University IRIS lobby in Lowell Heiny Hall to verify his or her identity by presenting a valid **unexpired** government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport. **CMU must make a copy of your photo ID.**

2) The **student must sign, in the presence of a financial aid administrator**, the Statement of Educational Purpose provided below.

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

this 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 Colorado Mesa University for 2025-2026.

(Date) (Student's ID Number) (700#)

(Student's Signature) (Financial Aid Administrator Signature-not necessary if using a notary)

Option #2: If the student is unable to appear in person at Colorado Mesa University, the student must submit this form and proof of identity BY MAIL using a notary (email or faxed documents will not be accepted). **Mail to Financial Aid Office, 1100 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO 81501.**

1) The student completes the section above under Option #1 by signing the document in the presence of a notary.

2) A notary completes the section below by having the student present to the notary, a valid unexpired government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport. **A copy of the ID must be included in the mail along with this completed form. It is not sufficient to just show the ID to the notary.**

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of _____

City/County of _____

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

personally appeared, _____
(Printed name of student)

because of satisfactory evidence of identification _____
(Type of ID)

to be the above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument.

(Notary signature)

WITNESS my hand and official seal
(seal below)

My commission expires on _____
(Date)