



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI**

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

**2022-2023 Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose Form**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:**

*Either: Bring in person to the Southern Miss Financial Aid Office the following:*

- 1) *This completed original Statement of Educational Purpose signed by you*
- 2) *Your unexpired valid government-issued photo identification*

*Or: If you are an online out-of-state student and unable to appear in person, mail page two to the appropriate address listed below:*

- 1) *This notarized **original** Statement of Educational Purpose signed by you*
- 2) *A notarized copy of your unexpired valid government-issued photo identification*

**Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose  
(To Be Signed at the Institution)**

The student must appear in person at The University of Southern Mississippi to verify his or her identity by presenting unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver’s license, other state-issued ID, or passport. Southern Miss 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 financial aid official, the following:

**Statement of Educational Purpose**

I certify that I (*printed name*) \_\_\_\_\_ am the individual signing 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 The University of Southern Mississippi for 2022-2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(*Student’s Signature*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(*Date*)

**FOR FINANCIAL AID OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Valid Government-issued Photo Identification Used:

Date Received:

Received By:



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Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (To Be Signed With Notary)

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

- A copy of the unexpired 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
• The original notarized Statement of Educational Purpose provided below.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I (print student’s name) \_\_\_\_\_ am the individual signing 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 The University of Southern Mississippi for 2022-2023.

(Student’s Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Student’s ID Number) \_\_\_\_\_

Notary’s Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of \_\_\_\_\_
City/County of \_\_\_\_\_
On (Date) \_\_\_\_\_, before me, (Notary’s name) \_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared, (Printed name of signer) \_\_\_\_\_, and provided to me 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)