



Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

OPTION 1

Appear in person at The Office of Financial Aid to verify your 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 2023-2024.

Student's Signature

Date

OPTION 2

If you are an **online or out-of-state** student and unable to appear in person, complete the above statement in the presence of a notary and mail to the appropriate address listed below:

- 1) This notarized **original** Statement of Educational Purpose signed by you
- 2) A copy of your unexpired, valid, government-issued photo identification which was used during the notarization process.

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of _____ City/County of _____ On _____,
(Date)

before me, _____, personally appeared, _____
(Notary's name) *(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

Place seal here

Notary Signature: _____

Date my Commission Expires: _____

FOR FINANCIAL AID OFFICE USE ONLY

Valid Government-issued
Photo Identification Used:

Received By:

Date: