



2025 - 2026 Identity Confirmation - Statement of Educational Purpose

To Be Signed at the Institution

Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called Verification. The law states that before awarding any federal student aid, we must ask you to submit documentation and validate the information chosen for verification. The Federal processor has determined that The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) must validate your identity and have you complete a Statement of Educational Purpose. Therefore, we are required to confirm that the information listed below has been completed and submitted to the OSFA before we can award you aid. If you have questions about this form, contact OSFA as soon as possible at (609) 771-2211 so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

Identity Confirmation and Statement of Educational Purpose - To be signed at the Institution

Identity Confirmation

The student must appear in person at The College of New Jersey to verify his or her identity by presenting valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver’s license, other state-issued ID, or passport. The institution 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 institutional official**, the following:

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____ am the individual signing this Statement of Educational
(Print name of student)

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 College of New Jersey for 2025-2026.

Student’s Signature

Date

Student’s PAWS ID Number

Failure to submit this documentation may result in delays to your financial aid file, late fees and possible de-registration from classes.

For Office Use Only:

Name of Certifying Official: _____

Type of ID (Please check one): Driver License: _____ Passport: _____ Other State Issued ID: _____ Other ID: _____

Attach a copy of the ID for the file. _____