

2023-2024

Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

Student Full Name _____ SSN or Western ID # _____
(Please print)

The student has two options for providing documentation of identity – “In Person” (A) or “By Mail” (B). **This form may NOT be faxed or emailed** and must be presented/submitted along with acceptable documentation.

A. “In Person” Verification:

The student must appear in person at the Western Technical College Financial Aid Resources & Planning Services (Welcome Center) to verify his or her identity by presenting an unexpired, valid government issued photo identification (ID), such as but not limited to, a driver’s license, other state-issued ID, or passport. Financial Aid Resources & Planning Services will maintain a copy of the student’s photo ID that is annotated by the institution with the date it was received and reviewed and the name of the official at the institution authorized to receive and review the student’s ID.

In addition, the student must sign (**Section C**), in the presence of a Financial Aid official, the Statement of Educational Purpose provided below.

B. “By Mail” Verification:

If the student is unable to appear in person at Western Technical College Financial Aid Resources & Planning Services to verify his or her identity, the student must provide to the institution:

- 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.
- The original Statement of Educational Purpose provided below, which must be notarized. If the notary statement appears on a separate page than the Statement of Educational Purpose, there must be a clear indication that the Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose was the document notarized.

C. Statement of Educational Purpose (To be signed by student in presence of Notary or Western Financial Aid Office official)

I certify that I, _____, 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 Western Technical College for 2023-2024.

Student’s Signature Date

D. NOTARY’S CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (To be completed by Notary Public ONLY)

State of _____

City/County of _____

On _____, before me, _____

(Date)

(Notary’s name)

personally appeared, _____, and proved to me

(Name of Student/Signer)

because 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)

E. FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES AND PLANNING SERVICES CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (To be completed by Approved Western Technical College Staff ONLY):

Type of Government-Issued Photo ID _____ Date Received _____

Approved Western Technical College Staff (printed name) _____

Approved Western Technical College Staff Signature _____

If submitting this form and supporting documentation via surface mail, please mail to the address indicated below, along with a copy of the ID used by the Notary to confirm your identity.

Financial Aid Resources and Planning Services
Western Technical College
400 Seventh Street North | La Crosse, WI 54601
608.785.9579

**THIS FORM MAY NOT BE FAXED OR
EMAILED. ONLY ORIGINAL SIGNATURES
MAY BE ACCEPTED.**

**ONLY OFFICIALS IN THE WESTERN
TECHNICAL COLLEGE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL
AID OR A DESIGNATED OFFICIAL ARE
AUTHORIZED TO VERIFY YOUR
INFORMATION AND SIGN THIS FORM WHEN
PRESENTED IN PERSON.**