



## 2025-2026 Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **UMES ID#** \_\_\_\_\_

The student must appear in person at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), Office of Student Financial Aid 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. UMES 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 Financial Aid Official at the institution authorized to receive and review the student's ID.

In addition, the student must sign, in the presence of a Financial Aid Official, the Statement of Educational Purpose provided below:

### Statement of Educational Purpose

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 the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) for 2025-2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)  
(UMES ID #) \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Received

\_\_\_\_\_  
Financial Aid Official

### (To Be Signed in the Presence of a Notary)

If the student is unable to appear in person at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), Office of Student Financial Aid 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; and
- The original Statement of Educational Purpose provided above, 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 Statement of Educational Purpose was the document notarized.

### Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

(If Applicable)

State of \_\_\_\_\_

City/County of \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_,

(Date)

(Notary's name)

personally appeared, \_\_\_\_\_, and proved to me

(Printed name of signer/student)

on the basis of satisfactory evidence of identification \_\_\_\_\_

(Type of unexpired 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)

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

My commission expires on \_\_\_\_\_

(Date)