



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)

For Office Use Only

Date Received

Financial Aid Official

NOTE: 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 may request a virtual meeting:

The student must fax or email the Statement of Educational Purpose provided above and a scanned copy of the unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID) such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport.

The student must present the same unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or passport during the virtual meeting via web camera.