

Please submit this document to your respective Financial Aid Office.

STEP 1 – STUDENT INFORMATION

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Social Security Number</i>	<i>Student ID Number</i>
<i>Permanent Address</i>	<i>Street & Number</i>	<i>City/State/Zip</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>
<i>Local Phone Number (Include Area Code)</i>	<i>Permanent Phone Number (Include Area Code)</i>	<i>Email Address</i>	

STEP 2 – HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION STATUS

Provide one of the following documents that indicate your high school completion status when you will begin college in 2020–2021: *A student who is unable to obtain the documentation listed below must contact the financial aid office.*

- A copy of your high school diploma.
- For students who completed secondary education in a foreign country, a copy of the “secondary school leaving certificate” or other similar document.
- A copy of your final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
- A State certificate or transcript received by a student after the student passed a State-authorized examination that the State recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma (GED test, HiSET, TASC, or other State-authorized examination).
- An academic transcript that indicates you successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor’s degree.
- If State law requires a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential is required.
- If State law does not require a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a transcript or the equivalent, signed by your parent or guardian, that lists the secondary school courses you completed and documents the successful completion of a secondary school education in a homeschool setting.

STEP 3 – IDENTITY & STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE (To Be Signed at the Institution)

You must appear in person at Columbia University to verify your 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. The University will maintain a copy of your 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 your ID.

In addition, you 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 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 Columbia University for 2020-2021.

<i>Student Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Student</i>
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STEP 3 (a) – IDENTITY & STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE (To Be Signed With Notary)

If you are unable to appear in person at Columbia University to verify your identity, you must provide:

- (a) 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
- (b) 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 clear indication that the Statement of Educational Purpose was the document notarized.

Statement of Educational Purpose

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 Columbia University for 2020-2021.

Student Signature _____ *Date* _____ *Student ID Number* _____

Notary’s Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of _____

City/County of _____

On _____, before me, _____, personally appeared,
(Date) (Notary’s name)

_____, and proved to me on basis of satisfactory evidence of identification
(Printed name of signer)

_____ to be the above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument.
(Type of government-issued photo ID provided)

WITNESS my hand and official seal

(seal) _____
(Notary signature)

My commission expires on _____
(Date)

STEP 4 – CERTIFICATION

By signing this worksheet, I certify all the information reported is complete and correct:

Student Signature _____ *Date* _____ *Student Name (Please Print)* _____ *Student ID Number* _____

NOTE: Additional documents and/or information beyond those listed in this form may be needed to satisfy the requirements of Verification. Your respective Financial Aid Office will notify you of additional requirements, if applicable.

Customized Verification