Your application was selected by the US Department of Education for a process called Verification. Verification requires that our office collect proof of your identity. There are two options to complete this process.

1. The student must appear in person at Blugold Central, to verify his or her identity by presenting:
   a) An unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver’s license, other state-issued ID, or passport. UWEC will maintain a copy of the student’s photo ID that is annotated by UWEC with the date it was received and reviewed and the name of the official at UWEC authorized to receive and review the student’s ID. **AND**
   b) The student must sign, in the presence of a UWEC official, the Statement of Educational Purpose below.

Or:

2. If the student is unable to appear in person at Blugold Central to verify his or her identity, the student must mail the following (upload, fax or email copies will not be accepted) to UWEC at the address above:
   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 notarized Statement of Education Purpose provided below signed in the presence of a Notary.

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**Statement of Educational Purpose**

*If you come to Blugold Central on-campus to complete this form, you do not need it notarized.*

I certify that I, _______________________________, am the individual signing this Statement of Educational Purpose

(Print Student’s Name)

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 Wisconsin Eau Claire for 2023-2024.

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Student Signature               Student ID Number               Date

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**Notary’s Certificate of Acknowledgement**  (only needed if not able to appear in person at Blugold Central)

State of ______________________ City/County of ______________________

On, ______________________ before me, ______________________ (Notary’s Name)

(date)  ________________

Personally appeared, ______________________, and provided to me on basis of satisfactory

(Printed name of signer)

evidence of Identification______________________________ to be the above-named

(Type of unexpired government-issued photo ID provided)

person who signed the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal________________________

(Notary’s Signature)  (Seal)

My commission expires on ______________________

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

In Person: Attach a photocopy of your ID after verifying your identity.   
Via Notary: SDS original Notary Seal Viewed.

Document Used: ______________________

Authorized Name: ______________________

Initials: __________________