



## 2020-2021 Identity Verification & Statement of Educational Purpose

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number: G \_\_\_\_\_

### Identity Verification

You have been selected by the U.S. Department of Education to confirm your identity for financial aid purposes. Federal Student Aid guidelines require that a student appear in-person at the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships to complete this requirement. Students who are unable to come to the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships in person have the option of going to a notary public to sign the statement and present their photo ID.

#### **Option #1 IN PERSON**

Please bring your valid, un-expired, government issued photo ID (i.e. passport, driver's license, etc.) to the Grand Valley State University Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships. While at the office, you will need to sign the Statement of Educational Purpose below in the presence of a financial aid staff member.

Financial Aid Administrator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Option #2 NOTARIZED CERTIFICATION**

Please take your valid, un-expired, government issued photo ID (i.e. passport, driver's license, etc.) to a notary public along with this form. You must sign the Statement of Educational Purpose below in the presence of the notary public and they will confirm your identification. **Once you have done this, submit this original notarized form and a copy of your photo ID to the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships.**

### Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I \_\_\_\_\_ (print student's name) 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 Grand Valley State University for 2020-2021.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Notary's Certification & Signature

State of: \_\_\_\_\_ City/County of: \_\_\_\_\_

On (date) \_\_\_\_\_, before me, (name of notary public) \_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared (printed name of signer) \_\_\_\_\_, and provided to me on a basis of satisfactory evidence of identification (type of unexpired, government-issued, photo ID) \_\_\_\_\_ to be the above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument.

**Witness my hand and official seal**  
(seal)

Notary Public Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: With this form you must also submit a copy of your photo ID to the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships.**