

2020–2021

High School Completion and Identity/Statement of Educational Purpose-Independent – V5

Blue Mountain College, Office of Financial Aid, P O Box 160, Blue Mountain, MS 38610

Your 2020–2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has been selected for a review in a process called “Verification.” In this process, the Office of Financial Aid (OFA) must compare information from your FAFSA with information from the IRS and/or other financial documents. Section 483 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, gives us the authority to ask for this information before awarding federal aid. The OFA will compare the submitted documents to your FAFSA information. If there are any discrepancies, the OFA may request further clarification. If corrections are needed, the OFA will make them on your behalf. The OFA can help you if you have questions about completing this documentation. **All verification documents for the 2020-2021 academic year must be submitted by May 1, 2021. Verification file review may take up to four weeks.**

No federal financial aid will be awarded to you until the verification process is complete.

It is important that you respond promptly to this request. We cannot award you financial aid until your file is complete. Some aid programs are limited in funding and may not be available to you if the completion of your file is delayed.

Student’s Information

Student’s Last Name/First/M.I.

Student’s Social Security Number

Student’s Street Address (include apt. no.)

Student’s Date of Birth

City

State

Zip Code

Student’s Email Address

Student’s Home Phone Number (include area code)

Student’s Alternate or Cell Phone Number

High School Completion Status

Provide one of the following documents that indicate the student’s high school completion status when the student will begin college in 2020-2021:

- A copy of the student’s high school diploma.
- For students who completed secondary education in a foreign country, a copy of the “secondary school leaving” or other similar document.
- A copy of the student’s 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 (General Educational Development (GED) certificate or GED transcript).
- An academic transcript that indicates the student 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 homeschooling (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
- If State law does not require a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschooling (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a transcript, or the equivalent, signed by the student’s parent or guardian, that lists the secondary school courses the student completed and documents the successful completion of a secondary school education in a homeschool setting.

A student who is unable to obtain the documentation listed above must contact the Office of Financial Aid.

Student's Name: _____

SSN: _____

Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (To Be Signed at the Institution)

The student must appear in person at Blue Mountain College 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. The institution 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 official at the institution authorized to receive and review the student's ID.

In addition, the student must sign, in the presence of the institutional official, the Statement of Educational Purpose provided below:

Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (To Be Signed in the Presence of a Notary)

If the student is unable to appear in person at Blue Mountain College to verify his or her identity, the student must provide to the institution:

- 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 a 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 Blue Mountain College for 2020-2021.

Student's Signature

Date

Student's ID Number

Certification and Signatures

By signing I certify that all of the information reported is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also understand if I purposefully give false or misleading information on this worksheet, I would be violating federal statute, and could face penalty. In addition, I understand that documents may be copied if the student has a sibling or parent who attends BMC.

STUDENT SIGNATURE (REQUIRED)

Date

SPOUSE'S SIGNATURE (OPTIONAL)

Date