



INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION WORKSHEET (V4)

2020 – 2021

Custom Verification

Your application for financial aid was selected for review in a process called **“Verification”**. Please submit the documentation as soon as possible but no later than 120 days after your last day of enrollment, or by September 2021, whichever occurs first. No funds will be disbursed until the verification process is completed. Failure to complete the verification process by the deadline will result in your ineligibility for Title IV funds for the award year. The law states we have the right to ask you for this information before awarding any federal aid. If there are differences between the information supplied on your federal application and your financial documents, we will need to correct this information. *We must review the required information under the financial aid program rules (34 CFR, Part 668).*

The Department of Education has requested that the institution verify certain items for a student selected for this review. All verification items listed on this worksheet must be verified to determine Title IV eligibility.

To review the status of your awards, please visit your GCU Student Portal at <http://gcuportal.gcu.edu/>.

All fields are required to be completed. If you have any questions, please contact your GCU Student Services Counselor.

A. Student Information

STUDENT NAME: _____ GCU STUDENT NUMBER: _____

Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone No.: _____

B. High School Completion Status

For the 2020-2021 award year, we are required by the Department of Education to verify your high school completion status. As this is documentation already required for admission into Grand Canyon University, our office will work with the Office of Academic Records to determine if you have submitted the appropriate document(s) to confirm your high school completion status.

If additional information is required, you will be contacted by your GCU Student Services Counselor and asked to provide a copy of your high school diploma, high school transcripts indicating a graduation date, copy of a GED, etc.

C. Proof of Identity/Statement of Educational Purpose: COMPLETE EITHER SECTION 1 OR SECTION 2**1. To be Signed in the Presence of a Grand Canyon University Official**

- A. The student must appear in person at GCU 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.
- B. In addition, the student must sign, in the presence of the institutional official, the Statement of Educational Purpose below.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____ (**Print Student 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 for the cost of attending Grand Canyon University for 2020-2021.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

2. To be Signed in the Presence of a Notary

If the student is unable to appear in person at GCU to verify his or her identity, the student must provide to the institution the following **via mail** to the address listed at the bottom of this page:

- A. A copy of the unexpired valid government-issued photo 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 _____ (**Print Student 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 for the cost of attending Grand Canyon University for 2020-2021.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of _____ City/County of _____

On _____, before me, _____,
(Date) (Notary's Name)

personally appeared, _____ and provided to me on basis of satisfactory
(Printed Name of Signer)

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

WITNESS my hand and official seal
(seal)

(Notary Signature)

My commission expires on _____
(Date)

D. Certification and Signature (Handwritten Signature Required – Typed/Electronic Signature Not Accepted)

By signing below the student certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature must be original hand-signed (i.e., "wet") that is mailed or delivered to GCU. No photocopied, typed, or electronic signatures may be accepted.

WARNING: If false or misleading information is purposely given on this worksheet, student may be fined, sent to prison, or both
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