

2020–2021 VERIFICATION WORKSHEET - INDEPENDENT (V4)

Please read the entire form, complete ALL sections, attach the requested documentation, sign the form, and return to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. Federal regulations require that we complete verification before processing federal financial aid. If there are differences between the information submitted and your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) the school will make the necessary changes. Incomplete worksheets and documentation will cause delays in processing your financial aid. No determination of aid eligibility can be made until all documents are received and reviewed.

A. Student Information

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Last Name	First Name	M.I.		Banner (ID) Number
Phone Number (include area code)			NMHU Email Address	

B. 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 certificate” 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 (GED test, HiSET, TASC, or other state-authorized examination).
- 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.
- For a student who was homeschooled in a state where state law requires the 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.
- For a student who was homeschooled in a state where state law does not require the 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 includes a statement that the student successfully completed 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 and Scholarships.

**IDENTITY AND STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE
(To Be Signed at the Institution)**

The student must appear in person at New Mexico Highlands University to verify his or her identity by presenting

- **An unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (I.D.), such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued I.D., or passport.**

New Mexico Highlands University 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 when unable to be signed at Institution)**

If the student is unable to appear in person at New Mexico Highlands University to verify his or her identity, the student must provide:

- (a) A copy of the unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (I.D.) 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 I.D., 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
(Print Student's Name)

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 _____ for 2020–2021.

(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

(Student's Signature)

(Date)

(Student's ID Number)

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of _____ City/County of _____ On _____,

before me, _____,

(Notary's name)

personally appeared, _____, and proved to me

(Printed name of signer)

on the basis of satisfactory evidence of identification _____

(Type of unexpired government-issued photo ID provided)

to be the above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal _____
(Notary signature)

My commission expires on _____

C. Certification and Signatures

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

Print Student's Name

Student's Banner ID Number

Student's Signature (Original Signature Required)

Date

Spouse's Signature (Original Signature Optional)

Date