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2026-2027 Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose – V4

Your **2026-2027** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. The law states that before awarding Federal Student Aid, we may ask you to confirm the information you reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided the correct information, the Office of Financial Aid will compare your FAFSA with the information on this worksheet along with other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You must complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documents, and **submit all documents to the Office of Financial Aid**.
If you have questions or concerns regarding verification, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Financial Aid.

Student Information

_____ _____
Student Last Name Student First Name Student's School ID #

_____ _____
Student's Street Address (include Apt #) Student Phone Number (include area code)

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City State Zip Code

The student must appear in person to verify his/her identity by presenting a valid government-issued photo identification ID, such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, or other state-issued ID, or passport. USMMA will maintain a copy of the student's photo ID that is annotated with the date it was received and the name of the Academy Official authorized to collect the student's ID.

I certify that I _____ am the individual signing this
(Print Student's Name)

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 costs associated with attending USMMA for the 2026–2027 academic year.

_____ _____
Student's Signature Date

OFFICE USE ONLY

I verify that I am an authorized Academy employee and have seen the identification documentation selected above

_____ _____
Authorized Signature Date

If Student Can Not Appear In-Person

If the Academy determines that an applicant is unable to appear in person to present an unexpired valid government-issued photo identification and execute the Statement of Educational Purpose, the applicant must provide the Academy with the following:

- A copy of an unexpired valid government-issued photo identification such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, non-driver's identification card, other State-Issued identification, or U.S. Passport that is acknowledged in a Notary Statement or that is presented to a Notary.

- USMMA must receive these documents via mail. We cannot accept faxed or uploaded documents. Errors with this form or missing photocopies will delay processing of your financial aid.

Student must sign in the presence of a Notary the following **Statement of Education Purpose**

I certify that I, _____, is the individual signing this Statement of
(Print Full Legal Name)

Educational Purpose - that the federal student financial assistance I may receive will be used for educational purposes while attending the United States Merchant Marine Academy for the 2026-2027 academic year.

_____ _____
Student's Signature – Signed before Notary Date

Notary Public: Complete this section only if the student cannot appear in person at the Academy to submit this worksheet. A copy of the same unexpired, signed, valid government-issued ID provided to the Notary must also be provided to the Academy.

State of: _____ County of: _____

On the _____ day of _____in the year _____ before me, _____personally appeared

and provided to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence of identification, a _____,
Type of government-issued photo ID

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

_____
Signature of Notary Public

_____
Commission Expiration Date

Stamp: **Seal:**