2025-2026
STATEMENT OF IDENTITY & EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

Your 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for verification by the Department of Education. In order to provide financial aid funding, we are required to verify your identity and collect a signed Statement of Educational Purpose. Please select one of the options below:

☐ **I Can Appear In-Person:**	☐ **I Need to Mail in My Form:**
Bring an unexpired, government-issued photo ID to the Financial Aid Office and we will assist you with the rest. Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am to 5:00 pm	Complete Sections 1 and 2 with a notary official and mail the original (notarized) form and a copy of your photo identification to the Financial Aid Office.
STOP & See a Financial Aid Team Member in the Crowder Welcome Center!	**Stop & Find a Public Notary; Complete Sections 1 & 2 with a Notary Official.**

SECTION 1: STATEMENT OF IDENTITY & 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 Wingate University for 2025–2026.

Additionally, I certify that I am the individual signing this statement and I am providing a copy of my documents along with a copy of a valid government-issued photo identification card bearing my portrait. I certify that the attached documents and government-issued photo identification are true, exact, and complete copies of the originals issued to me. I understand that providing false or misleading information or documents is punishable by fine or imprisonment and may make me liable for repayment of any funds received on the basis of the information and documents I have provided.

I am signing this form in the presence of a Financial Aid Team Member or Notary Official.

Student Printed Name: _____ Student ID Number: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 2: NOTARY'S CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of _____ City/County of _____.

On_____(date), before me, _____ (Notary's Name), personally appeared, _____ (Printed name of the signer), and provided to me on basis of satisfactory evidence of identification _____ (Type of 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 _____ (Date) (seal)

You must return this **ORIGINAL** form to our office either in person or by mail with a copy of the identification used by the Notary Official listed in Section 2.

Mail your **ORIGINAL** form to: Wingate University | Financial Aid | PO Box 159 | Wingate NC 28174

FA Team Signature: _____ ID Used: _____