**Westfield State University**

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**2020-2021 STATEMENT OF IDENTITY AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE**

The student **must appear in person** at Westfield State University to verify his/her identity by presenting 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 with the date it was received and the name of the official at the institution authorized to collect the student’s ID.

In addition, the student must sign, ***in the presence of the institutional official***, the following:

**Statement of Identity and Educational Purpose**

I certify that I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_am the individual signing this

(Print Student’s Name)

Statement of Identity and 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 Westfield State University for 2020-2021.

Student’s Signature Student’s ID Number Date

Financial Aid Official Signature Date

If the student is ***unable to appear in person*** at Westfield State University to verify his or her identity the student must submit:

1. A copy of an unexpired valid government issued identification (ID) that is acknowledged in the notary statement below, such as but not limited to a driver’s license, other state-issued ID, or passport; and

2. The original notarized Statement of Identity and Educational Purpose.

**Notary’s Certificate of Acknowledgement**

State of

City/County of

 On , before me, ,

 (Date) (Notary’s name)

personally appeared, , and provided to me

(Printed name of signer)

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**

 (seal) (Notary signature)

 My commission expires on\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_