Your 2019-2020 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. We may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact us as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

If the student is unable to appear in person at Passaic County Community College to verify his or her identity, the student must provide:

a) A copy of the valid government-issued photo identification (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 which is provided below and 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 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 Passaic County Community College for 2019-2020.

______________________________                  ______________________
Student’s Signature                      Date
Notary’s Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of ________________________________________________________________

City/County of __________________________________________________________

On ____________________, before me, ________________________________________,

(Date) (Notary’s name)

personally appeared, _________________________________________________,

(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 __________________________

B. High School Completion Status

Provide one of the following documents to indicate the student’s high school completion status when the student begins college in 2019-2020:

- 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.

Note: A student who is unable to obtain the documentation listed above must contact the financial aid office.