



2019-2020 High School Completion Status, Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose

Instructions: You have been selected by the Department of Education to provide proof of High School Completion, Identity, and Statement of Educational purpose.

Section A: You must provide one of the acceptable documents listed below to indicate the student's high school completion status.

Section B: You must come to Rhodes State College in person with proper identification or go to a Notary with proper identification with the document below.

We are unable to award financial aid until both Section A and B documents are received.

Please mail documentation to:

**Rhodes State College
Financial Aid Office
4240 Campus Drive
Lima, OH 45804**

We are cannot accept fax, emails, or photocopies of your Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (Section B only). The original document must be received by mail or in person!

Section A: 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 2019-2020:

- A copy of the student's high school diploma.
- A copy of the student's final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
- A copy of the student's General Educational Development (GED) certificate or GED transcript.
- 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.
- If State law requires a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a copy of that credential.
- If State law does not require a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for home school (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 documents the successful completion of a secondary school education in a home school setting.

If the student is unable to obtain the documentation listed above, he or she must contact the Financial Aid Office.

Section B:

**Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose
(To Be Signed at the Institution)**

The student must appear in person at Rhodes State College to verify his or her identity by presenting an 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 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.

Statement of Educational Purpose

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 cost of attending
_____ for 2019-2020.

(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

(Student's Signature)

(Date)

(Student ID (R#))

**Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose
(To Be Signed in the Presence of a Notary)**

If the student is unable to appear in person at Rhode State College verify his or her identity, the student must provide to the institution:

- (a) A copy of the unexpired 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 provided below, which must be notarized.

Statement of Educational Purpose

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 cost of attending
_____ for 2019-2020.
(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

(Student's Signature) (Date)

(Student ID (R#))

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 _____
(Date)