

Please submit this document to your respective Financial Aid Office.

STEP 1 – STUDENT INFORMATION

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Social Security Number</i>	<i>Student ID Number</i>
<i>Permanent Address</i>	<i>Street & Number</i>	<i>City/State/Zip</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>
<i>Local Phone Number (Include Area Code)</i>	<i>Permanent Phone Number (Include Area Code)</i>	<i>Email Address</i>	

STEP 2 – HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION STATUS

Provide one of the following documents that indicate your high school completion status when you will begin college in 2016–2017:

- A copy of your high school diploma.
- A copy of your final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
- A copy of your General Educational Development (GED) certificate or GED transcript.
- An academic transcript that indicates you 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 is required.
- If State law does not require a homeschooled student to obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool (other than a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent), a transcript or the equivalent, signed by the your parent or guardian, that lists the secondary school courses the student completed and documents the successful completion of a secondary school education in a homeschool setting.

STEP 3 – IDENTITY & STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE (To Be Signed at the Institution)

You must appear in person at Columbia University to verify your identity by presenting a valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver’s license, other state-issued ID, or passport. The University 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, you must sign, in the presence of the institutional official, the following:

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____ 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 Columbia University for 2016-2017.

<i>Student Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Student ID Number</i>
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STEP 3 (a) – IDENTITY & STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE (To Be Signed With Notary)

If you are unable to appear in person at Columbia University to verify your identity, you must provide:

- (a) A copy of the valid government-issued photo 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
- (b) The original notarized Statement of Educational Purpose provided below.

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____ 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 Columbia University for 2016-2017.

Student Signature _____ *Date* _____ *Student ID Number* _____

Notary’s Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of _____

City/County of _____

On _____, before me, _____, personally appeared,
(Date) (Notary’s name)

_____, and proved to me on basis of satisfactory evidence of identification
(Printed name of signer)

_____ to be the above-named person who signed the foregoing instrument.
(Type of government-issued photo ID provided)

WITNESS my hand and official seal

(seal) _____
(Notary signature)

My commission expires on _____
(Date)

STEP 4 – SNAP BENEFITS CERTIFICATION

You certify that a member of your household received benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) sometime during 2015. Please be advised that SNAP may be known by another name in some states. For assistance in determining the name used in a state, please call 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

If you are an **independent student**, include in your parents’ household:

- ❖ Yourself
- ❖ Your spouse, if you are married.
- ❖ You or your spouse’s children if you or your spouse will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, or if the other children would be required to provide parental information if they were completing a FAFSA for 2016–2017.

