



Identity Verification

Your FAFSA was selected by the U.S. Department of Education for **Identity Verification**.
As part of this process, our office must confirm your identity **in person**.

Please bring a valid **government-issued photo ID** (such as a driver's license, state ID, or passport) to:
Blugold Central Student Services 1108 Vicki Lord Larson Hall.
Documents **cannot** be uploaded, faxed, or emailed. Only original documents presented **in person** will be accepted.

Choose one option below to complete this process:

Option 1 — Appear in person at UW–Eau Claire

You may appear **in person** at **UW–Eau Claire Blugold Central** to verify your identity.
Please bring an **unexpired, valid government-issued photo ID**, such as (but not limited to) a **driver's license, state-issued ID, or passport**. Blugold Central staff will make a copy of your photo ID, which will be annotated with the date reviewed and the name of the authorized UW–Eau Claire official who verified your identity.

Option 2 — Verify identity via virtual appointment

If you are unable to appear in person at UW–Eau Claire in a timely manner, you may complete the verification process through a **virtual video call** with Blugold Central staff. During the call, you will be asked to **present your government-issued photo ID**. To schedule a virtual appointment, please email blugoldcentral@uwec.edu.

Option 3 — Verify identity through a notary

If neither in-person nor virtual verification is possible, you must complete the process through a **notary public**.

1. Take this form and your **government-issued photo ID** to a notary.
2. Present your ID to the notary, who will complete the verification section below.
3. Mail the completed Certificate below and a copy of your government-issued photo ID to **Blugold Central**.

Notary's Certificate of Acknowledgment

State of _____

City/County of _____

On _____, before me, _____,
(Date) (Notary's name)

personally appeared, _____, and proved to me
(Printed name of signer)

because of satisfactory evidence of identification _____
(Type of unexpired 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)