

BENNINGTON COLLEGE

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2025–2026 Federal Certification of High School Completion, Identity, and Benefits (V4)

Some portion of your application was incomplete or marked for federal Verification of the following items. Please complete Parts A–C, and D or E, and the certification at the end.

A. High School Completion Status

Provide here **one** of the following documents that indicate your high school completion status when you begin college in 2025–2026:

A copy of your high school diploma.

A copy of your final official high school transcript that shows the date the diploma was awarded.

A copy of your General Educational Development (GED) certificate or GED transcript, or a state high school equivalent certificate.

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 your 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 your 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 parent or guardian, that lists the secondary school courses you completed, and documents successful completion of a secondary school education in a homeschool setting.

B. Child Support Paid—For Calendar Year 2023

(Complete this section only if you have not submitted a Verification Worksheet.) Custodial parents, if dependent student; Student, if independent:

Did you pay child support because of divorce/separation during calendar year 2023?

No Yes

If yes, please complete the table below:

NAME OF PERSON WHO PAID CHILD SUPPORT	NAME OF PERSON TO WHOM CHILD SUPPORT WAS PAID	NAME OF CHILD FOR WHOM SUPPORT WAS PAID	AMOUNT OF CHILD SUPPORT PAID IN 2023
TOTAL			

We may request additional documentation such as a copy of the separation agreement or divorce decree showing the amount of child support to be provided, or a statement from the individual receiving the child support certifying the amount received, or copies of child support payment checks.

C. SNAP (formerly Food Stamp) Benefits – for 2023

(Complete this section only if you have not submitted a Verification Worksheet.)

Did you or a member of your household receive SNAP benefits (food stamps) during 2023?

No Yes (Documentation may be requested).

D. Federal Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose (if signed at Bennington College)

You, the student, must appear in person at Bennington College 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 institution will maintain a copy of the student 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 the student must sign, in the presence of the institutional official, _____, the following:

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I _____

(PRINT STUDENT'S NAME)

_____ 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 Bennington College for 2025–2026.

STUDENT'S ID NUMBER or LAST 4 SSN

DATE

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

**E. Federal Identity and Statement of Educational Purpose, to be signed with a Notary
(Complete only if not signed at Bennington College)**

If you the student are unable to appear in person at Bennington College to verify your identity, you must provide:

- a) A copy of the valid unexpired 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 (PRINT STUDENT'S NAME) _____ 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 Bennington College for 2025-2026.

STUDENT'S ID NUMBER or LAST 4 of SSN _____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

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

Certification: By signing this worksheet, I (we) certify all the information reported here is complete and correct.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

STUDENT NAME (Please Print) _____

PARENT OR SPOUSE SIGNATURE (If student is dependent/independent or married) _____

DATE _____

PARENT OR SPOUSE NAME (Please Print) _____

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