

2025-2026

STUDENT IDENTITY CONFIRMATION

Your 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected by the U.S. Department of Education for a review process called verification. This means the Occidental Office of Financial Aid is required to collect supporting documentation to verify or confirm information reported on your FAFSA. Thus, the purpose of this form is to provide you with the instructions and required documentation for confirming your identity. Please note that this verification process must be completed before any financial aid can be disbursed.

IDENTITY DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must present an **unexpired valid government-issued photo identification (ID)**, such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued ID, or U.S. Passport.

Occidental College will maintain an electronic copy of the photo ID that is annotated with the date it was received and reviewed, and the name of the official at the institution authorized to receive and review your document.

OPTIONS FOR PRESENTING IDENTITY DOCUMENTATION

Students have two options for presenting their identity documents to the Office of Financial Aid:

OPTION 1: Appear ***in person**** at the Office of Financial Aid for a representative to review and scan your photo identification.

OPTION 2: ***Schedule Zoom appointment*** with a representative in the Office of Financial Aid to present your identity document. During your Zoom appointment, the representative will review and screenshot your photo identification.

****While you do not need an appointment, we do recommend that you call prior to visiting to ensure our office is open and someone will be available to assist you.***