

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification

Name (please print)

Social Security Number

Student ID number

When you completed your 2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) you answered yes to one of the unaccompanied homeless youth questions. Please complete this verification form and submit to the Financial Aid Office with the certification from the appropriate agency verifying your homeless status.

Definition:

- **"Homeless"** means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, parks, motels, camping grounds, cars, abandoned buildings or temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go. Also, if you are living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent, you may be considered homeless even if your parent would otherwise provide a place to live.
- **"Unaccompanied"** means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or legal guardian.

1. If you check one of the three boxes below, you **must provide documentation by submitting page 2** of this form to an appropriate certifying official who can verify your living situation.
 - ☐ **At any time on or after July 1, 2021**, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
 - ☐ **At any time on or after July 1, 2021**, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
 - ☐ **At any time on or after July 1, 2021**, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.
2. If your living situation cannot be verified by the above agencies, does your living situation meet the following definition?
 - I am homeless meaning lacking fixed, regular or adequate housing which includes living in shelters, motels or cars, or temporarily living with other people "couch surfing" because I have nowhere else to go.
 - ☐ YES ☐ NO

If you answered "Yes" to question #2, you must submit a detailed personal statement of your current living situation along with this form.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that all information on this form is true, complete, and accurate. Upon request, I agree to provide proof of the information reported on this form. False statements or misrepresentation can be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of financial aid. I give permission to the Financial Aid Office to make corrections/adjustments to data on my FAFSA based on forms and/or documents submitted.

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Section to be completed by Certifying Official
Please attach your business card or this statement on agency or school district letterhead.

Contact information for certifying official:

Please indicate mailing address & phone number for the student:

*Name*_____
*Street Address*_____
*City, State, Zip*_____
*Phone #*_____
*Email*_____
*Street Address*_____
*City, State, Zip*_____
Phone #

I am providing this letter of verification as a (check one):

- ☐ High School Liaison or High school McKinney-Vento School District Liaison
- ☐ Director of a HUD-funded shelter (U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development)
- ☐ Director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter (RHYA—Runaway & Homeless Youth Act) or transitional living program

As per the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (Public Law 110-84), I am authorized to verify this student's living situation. No further verification by the Financial Aid Administrator is necessary. Should you have additional questions or need more information about this student, please contact me at the number listed above.

This letter is to confirm that _____ was (please check below):

Student's Name

- ☐ An unaccompanied homeless youth on or after July 1, 2021.
This means that, on or after July 1, 2021, the student was living in a home situation, as defined by Section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Act and was not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.
- ☐ An unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of being homeless on or after July 1, 2021.
This means that, on or after July 1, 2021, the student was not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, provides for his/her own living expenses entirely on his/her own, and is at risk of losing his/her housing.

Signature of Certifying Official: _____ Date: _____