



Financial Aid Office

2023-24 Unaccompanied Youth Verification

Student's Legal Name _____

Student ID Number _____ Phone _____

You reported on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that you are an unaccompanied youth who is homeless, or are an accompanied youth providing for your own living expenses who is at risk of being homeless. The Financial Aid Office must have this completed form and any required documentation before our office can continue processing your financial aid.

Remember to include your student ID number on all documentation submitted.

Attach documentation verifying homelessness or risk of homelessness. Attach documentation from one of the following:

- A McKinney-Vento school district liaison
- A director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter
- A director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter

The documentation must confirm:

You are an unaccompanied homeless youth – This means that, after July 1, 2022, you are living in a homeless situation, as defined by Section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Act, and are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, **You are an unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness** – This means that, after July 1, 2022, you are not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian, you provide your own living expenses entirely, and are at risk of losing your housing. **All documentation must be on official letterhead, signed and dated by proper official.**

Attach an explanation letter if you cannot obtain a letter from one of the above agencies.

Attach a letter explaining your situation, if you have other circumstances that qualify you as an unaccompanied homeless youth or are at risk of homelessness and are not able to get documentation from one of the above officials. The National Center for Homeless Education, 1-800-308-2145 is also available if you have questions.

Homeless – means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you had 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 provide support and a place to live.

Unaccompanied – means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

Youth – means you are 21 years of age or younger or still enrolled in high school as of the day you signed your FAFSA.

Please note: submission of a letter does not automatically approve you as a homeless youth. Additional documentation is necessary to complete the process. Students must submit a letter from a third party to support their explanation.

The **personal statement by a third party must be** a typed statement signed and dated from a public official (*on letterhead*) who has knowledge of your unusual circumstances and knowledge concerning your living situation (e.g., *teacher, high school guidance counselor, member of clergy, law enforcement representative, social worker, government agency, medical authority, or clerk of courts*).

Please complete both sides



Check, if you are not homeless and will provide parental information on the FAFSA.

I am not homeless and do not qualify as an unaccompanied homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness. You must correct the information on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid by providing your parent(s) financial information.

You and one parent must sign the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and submit it to the federal processor.

Certifications and Signatures

Federal Warning: Any person who knowingly makes a false statement or misrepresentation on all forms submitted shall be subject to a fine up to \$20,000 or imprisonment or both under provisions of the U.S. Code. I declare under penalty of perjury that all information reported on this form and all the information reported on the 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid which will be used to qualify for state and federal student aid is true, complete, and accurate.

I certify that I have read and understand all items on this form and all information provided for my financial aid is true **and correct.**

Student's Signature _____ Date _____