



Financial Aid Office

2025-26 Unaccompanied and Homeless Youth Verification

Student's Legal Name _____

Student ID Number _____ Phone _____

On your 25-26 [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) you answered YES to question that asks, "At any time on or after July 1, 2024, was the student an unaccompanied youth and either (1) homeless, or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?"

Unaccompanied and Homeless Youth Verification

Check the appropriate box that applies and submit any required documentation. Remember to include your student ID number on all documentation submitted. 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 officials below. The National Center for Homeless Education, 1-800-308-2145 is also available if you have questions.

- ☐ **Director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness**

Required Documentation:

- A signed letter on official letterhead from a director of a qualifying shelter or program certifying your status.

- ☐ **Student's high school or school district homeless liaison or designee**

Required Documentation:

- A signed letter of official letterhead from a school district liaison certifying your status.

- ☐ **Director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant.**

Required Documentation:

- A signed letter of official letterhead from a homelessness liaison certifying your status.

- ☐ **Financial Aid Administrator**

Required Documentation:

- A signed letter on official letterhead from the Financial Aid Administrator certifying your status.

- ☐ **NONE of these apply**

Required Documentation:

- Personal Statement by Student explaining your situation. Include your name, student ID number, date and signature.
- Personal Statement from a public official (*on letterhead*) who has knowledge of your unusual circumstance (e.g., *teacher, high school guidance counselor, member of clergy, law enforcement representative, social worker, government agency, medical authority, or clerk of courts*).
- Personal notarized statement from an adult who has knowledge of your unusual circumstances.
- Additional Supporting Documentation such as *court documents, legal documents, or police reports*.

Please complete both sides



☐ **I am not an unaccompanied and homeless youth and will provide parental information on the FAFSA.**

- You must correct the information on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by providing parent(s) financial information. You and one parent must sign the FAFSA and submit it to the federal processor.

DEFINITIONS

Homeless – means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, parks, motels, hotels, public spaces, 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 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.

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 2025-2026 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 _____