



Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification Form 2026-2027

Name: _____ ID#: _____

Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

You indicated on your 2026-2027 FAFSA that since July 1, 2025 you are an unaccompanied homeless youth or are unaccompanied, self-supporting and at risk of being homeless. Please review the following definitions:

- **Unaccompanied** – when a student is not living in the physical custody of a parent or guardian
- **Homeless** – lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing
- **At risk of being homeless** – when a student’s housing may cease to be fixed, regular, and adequate
- **Self-supporting** – when a student pays for his or her own living expenses, including fixed, regular, and adequate housing

After reading the definitions above, is the answer on your FAFSA accurate?

- No** – You should log onto studentaid.gov and correct the answer to this question. You will then be prompted to invite your parent contributor to complete their section of the application.
- Yes** – Complete Section 1 or Section 2 as it applies to your situation.

SECTION 1: Complete this section if you received a determination at any time on or after July 1, 2025 that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of being homeless. *If your determination was made prior to July 1, 2025, contact the Financial Aid Office*

Check box and **attach documentation** from one of the following:

- A McKinney-Vento School District Liaison or their designees;
- The director or a designee of a director of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness;
- A director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant;
- A Financial Aid Administrator at another institution who documented the student’s circumstance in the same or a prior award year.

The documentation must confirm one of the following:

- You are an unaccompanied homeless youth. This means that, after July 1, 2025, 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, 2025, you are not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian, you provide entirely for your own living expenses, and are at risk of losing your housing.
- All documentation provided must be on official letterhead and/or bear the official school seal.

SECTION 2: Complete this section if you **do not** have a determination as described in Box 1, but **you are an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or are an unaccompanied youth providing for your own living expenses and at risk of being homeless.** *The National Center for Homeless Education 1-800-308-2145 is also available if you have questions.*

- Unable to Obtain Documentation Verifying Homeless:
Attach a letter explaining your situation, if you have other circumstances that qualify you as an unaccompanied homeless youth or you are at risk of homelessness and are not able to get documentation from one of the above officials. Attach any information you may have in support of your statements. **Please complete and submit page 2, Homeless Youth Certification Request, along with any supporting documentation, with this Verification Form.** A student who chooses to leave their parents' home will need to demonstrate that they were at risk of harm if they continued to live with their parents. The National Center for Homeless Education can be reached at 1-800-308-2145.

1. Date of homelessness: _____ Duration of homelessness: _____ to _____

2. In which of the following situations did you reside during homelessness:

- Motel
- Car
- Campsite
- Shelter or other temporary housing program
- Inadequate housing (insufficient to meet physical and psychological needs)
- Temporarily living with others because of nowhere else to go.

3. In which of the following situations do you currently reside or would reside if not residing in campus housing:

- I currently have adequate housing
- Motel
- Car
- Campsite
- Shelter or other temporary housing program
- Inadequate housing (insufficient to meet physical and psychological needs)
- Temporarily living with others because of nowhere else to go.

4. Please check all scenarios that describes your current financial situation:

- I am self-supporting and receive zero help from others.
- I am at risk of being homeless due to inadequate fixed income and support.
- I am not self-supporting and receive adequate assistance/support from family/others.
- Other: Attach explanation

Please provide supporting documentation for any and all scenarios indicated above.

Certification

I certify that all information provided in this document is true, complete and accurate. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information, I may be fined, sentenced to jail or both.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____