

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification

2023-2024

Please read the additional information found with this form to make sure you meet the requirements to be considered an Unaccompanied Homeless Youth or Unaccompanied Youth at Risk of Homelessness. If you feel you do meet these requirements then proceed to Section A on page 2.

Important Information and Definitions

Who should submit this form?

Complete this form if you indicated on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that you are either an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or are an unaccompanied youth providing for your own living expenses who is at risk of being homeless. If you did not indicate either of these situations on the FAFSA but believe you meet the requirements to be considered an unaccompanied youth at risk of homeless based on the definitions below, then you can submit this form. If the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid requires additional information, we may contact you or those you indicate on the form or in supporting documentation to verify your circumstances.

Unaccompanied – not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

Homeless –lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, cars, hotels/motels, or temporarily living with others because not other options were available.

At risk of being homeless— when housing may cease to be fixed, regular, and adequate, for example, a student who is being evicted and has been unable to find fixed, regular, and adequate housing.

Youth – means you are 23 years of age or younger or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you sign your FAFSA

Who should complete section A of this form?

A McKinney-Vento liaison, director of a HUD-funded shelter, or the director of an RHYA-funded shelter should complete section A. If you are unable to obtain verification from one of the three authorized agents in Section A, then proceed to section B.

Who are McKinney-Vento Liaisons?

Under subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, every school district is required to designate a liaison for students experiencing homelessness. Homeless liaisons have a number of legal responsibilities under the Act, including identifying youth who meet the definition of homeless and are unaccompanied. The U.S. Department of Education oversees the education subtitle of the McKinney-Vento Act. For more information, see:

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg116.html>

What are HUD-funded Shelters?

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers funding for homeless shelters and services under Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Act. These funds are distributed to communities through a competitive grant process. For more information, see: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning

What are RHYA-funded Shelters?

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services administers the Runway and Homeless Youth Act programs. These programs provide funding for Basic Centers, Transitional Living Programs, and Street Outreach programs that serve runaway and other unaccompanied homeless youth. For more information, see:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/programs/runaway-homeless-youth>



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First Name: _____ M.I. _____ Last Name: _____

Local Address: _____
(If none, please list name, phone number, and mailing address of current contact)

University Email: _____ Phone #: _____

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If you are unable to obtain verification from one of the three authorized agents in Section A, proceed to section B.

Section A – To be completed by an authorized agent

I am providing this letter of verification as a (check one, then list name, phone number, and other contact information below):

- McKinney-Vento School District Liaison
- Director of designee of a HUD funded shelter
- Director of designee of a RHYA funded shelter

According to the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (Public Law 110-84), I am authorized to verify the above student's living situation. No further verification by the Financial Aid Administrator is necessary. Contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid (OSFA) at 520.621.1858 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

I confirm that the student listed above (Please check one):

- Became an unaccompanied homeless youth **after July 1, 2022.**
Definition: after July 1, 2021, the student was living in a homeless situation, as defined by Section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Act, and was not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.
- Became an unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness **after July 1, 2022.**
Definition: after July 1, 2021, the student was not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, provides for his or her own living expenses entirely on his or her own and is at risk of losing his or her housing.

Housing/Liaison Official Name: _____ Title: _____

Agency Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Housing/Liaison Official Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature Required on Page 2



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Section B

Please select one:

- I was not determined to be an unaccompanied youth who is homeless by any of the organizations above but I am homeless or at-risk of homelessness and I am attaching other supporting documentation from a recognized third party such as a homeless shelter or service provider, high school counselor, health professional, social worker, employer, mentor, doctor or clergy member.
- I was not determined to be an unaccompanied youth who is homeless by any of the organizations above, however, I consider myself to be an unaccompanied, homeless youth or at risk of homelessness. I would like to be contacted by a school official via the phone number provided. I understand that an interview will be required.

Student Certification

By signing below, I certify that the submitted information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If asked by an authorized official, I agree to provide additional proof of the information provided on this form. I understand that purposely providing false or misleading information on this form may result in reduction or repayment of aid, fines and/or imprisonment in this and/or future years.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____



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