



Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Determination Form 2022-2023

Please TYPE Your Responses

Student Name

Social Security Number

You reported on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that you are an unaccompanied youth that is either homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless. To determine your financial aid eligibility, please complete this form and provide all required documentation.

Per the McKinney-Vento Act, homeless children and youths are defined as “individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.”

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

Homeless – lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, parks, motels, cars, abandoned buildings, or temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go.

Youth –23 years old or younger or still enrolled in high school as of the day you sign your FAFSA.

NOTE: If you do not meet this definition, you are considered a dependent student and will need to provide your parent’s information on your FAFSA along with their signature to continue the financial aid process.

- ☐ I am 23 years old or younger and will provide a **homeless youth determination** letter dated on or after **July 1, 2021**.

To request a homeless youth determination, you may contact one of the following:

- Your high school or school district homeless liaison
- The director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- The director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program

OR

- ☐ I am 23 years old or younger and am unable to obtain documentation from the officials above. I am providing the following required documents:

- **Personal Statement** (typed and signed) - attach a detailed statement that explains your housing status and addresses your relationship with your biological parents.
- **3rd Party Supporting Documentation** - attach detailed statements from **two** (2) third party professionals who have **first-hand knowledge** of your unique circumstances and can attest to your housing status (i.e., therapist, school counselor, social worker, clergy members, employer, police, etc.). Statements should be signed in ink and must include valid contact information (i.e., letterhead, phone number, email address, etc.).

SIGNATURE & CERTIFICATION

Signing below certifies that all information reported on this form is accurate and complete.

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

Student Signature

(See signature instructions in portal)

Date