



2017-2018 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification Form

_____ Name (Please print)

_____ SSN

You reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that you were determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or are an unaccompanied youth providing for your own living expenses that are at risk of being homeless. This form must be completed and any required documentation submitted to us before we can continue processing your financial aid.

Option A I am attaching Documentation Verifying Homelessness or Risk of Homelessness:

Current Mailing Address: (if none, please list name, phone number and mailing address of a contact person):

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

To confirm:

- You are an unaccompanied homeless youth**
This means that, after July 1, 2015, 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, 2015, you are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, you provide for your own living expenses entirely on your own, and are at risk of losing your housing.

Option B I cannot obtain documentation from one of the above officials:

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 as a resource if you have questions.

Definition of Homeless: 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.

Definition of Unaccompanied: you are NOT living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

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

Option C 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 FAFSA by providing your parent(s) financial information
- You and one parent must sign the FAFSA and submit to the federal processor.

Student Signature: _____ **Date** _____

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH

Who are Unaccompanied Homeless Youth?

Unaccompanied homeless youth are young people who lack safe, stable housing and who are not in the care of a parent or guardian. They may have run away from home or been forced to leave by their parents. Unaccompanied youth live in a variety of temporary situations, including shelters, the homes of friends or relatives, cars, campgrounds, public parks, abandoned buildings, motels, and bus or train stations. Unaccompanied youth do not receive financial support from their parents and do not have access to parental information.

Who are McKinney-Vento School District Liaisons?

Under Title VII, subtitle 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 education subtitle of the McKinney-Vento Act is overseen by the U.S. Department of Education. For more information, see: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/legislation.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: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/index.cfm>

What are RHYA-funded Shelters?

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services administers the Runaway 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/content/youthdivision/index.htm#sub1>