



Unaccompanied Homeless Youth
Documentation of Independent Student Status for the FAFSA

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Financial Aid Office

Student ID Number Printed Name
DOB SSN Phone Number

Current Mailing Address of Student
If none, please list name, phone number and mailing address of current contact:

I am providing this letter of documentation as (check one):

- McKinney-Vento School District Homeless Liaison
Director or Designee of a U.S. Department of HUD funded shelter or transitional housing program
Director or Designee of a RHYA funded shelter or transitional living program
Financial Aid Administrator

As per the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (Public Law 110-84), I am authorized to document this student's living situation and determine his/her independent status as an unaccompanied homeless youth or unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness. No further verification by the Financial Aid Administrator is necessary (unless not previously verified). Should you have additional questions or need more information about this student, please contact me at the number listed below.

This letter is to confirm that was (check one):
(print student's name)

- An unaccompanied homeless youth after July 1, 2016: This means that, after July 1, 2016, this 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.
An unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness after July 1, 2016: This means, after July 1, 2015, this student was not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, provides for his/her own living expenses entirely on his/her own, and is at risk of losing his/her housing.

Printed Name of liaison, director/designee or administrator checked above Title

Place of Employment Work phone number

Employment Address City State Zip Code

Signature of liaison, director/designee or administrator Date

Your financial aid status as an Independent student is based upon your answer to question(s) #56, 57 or 58 on the 2017-18 FAFSA. These questions relate to being an unaccompanied youth and/or homeless on or after July 1, 2016. Please note that your personal situation may be verified and reviewed by the Financial Aid Office.

Please have your McKinney-Vento liaison, director or designee of either HUD funded or RHYA funded shelter or financial aid administrator complete the form. You may choose the appropriate individual based upon your current situation.

Who are Unaccompanied Homeless Youth?

Unaccompanied homeless youth are young people (*24 and under*) 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.

Who are McKinney-Vento School District 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 out 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>

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