



Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Determination Form 2025-2026

Please **TYPE** Responses

Student Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Student ID: _____

Personal Email: _____

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, complete this form, provide all required documentation, and upload it to your [Financial Aid Student Portal](#).

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

Homeless Youth Definitions

At risk of being homeless— when a student’s housing may cease to be fixed, regular, and adequate (i.e., a student who is being evicted and has been unable to find fixed, regular, and adequate housing).

Homeless—lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing, which includes but is not limited to living in shelters, parks, motels, cars, abandoned buildings, bus/train stations, or temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go.

Self-supporting—when a student pays for his or her own living expenses, including fixed, regular, and adequate housing.

Unaccompanied—when a student is not living in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

Youth—23 years old or younger or still enrolled in high school as of the day the student signs the FAFSA.

Housing Status Definitions

Fixed—stationary, permanent, and not subject to change.

Regular—used on a predictable, routine, or consistent basis.

Adequate—sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in the home.

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, 2024**.

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

- a high school or district homeless liaison or designee, as designated by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
- the director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness.
- the director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO program or a Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) grant.
- a Financial Aid Administrator at a previous college/university with supporting documentation.

OR

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

- **Typed Personal Statement (signed)** - attach a detailed statement that explains your housing status and confirms you are an unaccompanied homeless youth or unaccompanied, at risk of homelessness, and self-supporting.

SIGNATURE & CERTIFICATION

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

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____