



<u>OFFICE USE ONLY</u>

UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH DETERMINATION FORM

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ SSC ID: _____

On your 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) you reported that you are an unaccompanied youth who is homeless, or are an unaccompanied youth providing for your own living expenses who is at risk of being homeless.

Instructions: If you are an unaccompanied homeless youth, or an unaccompanied self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness, complete this form, attach required documentation and sign the certification below, attach and submit to the Financial Aid Office.

- New student:** Complete this form and submit all required documentation. Please include your name and student ID on all required documentation
- Returning Student:** To continue your status as an independent student, attach an updated personal statement that describes your current living/housing situation. All information submitted will remain confidential. Please include your name and student ID on all required documentation

Section 1. - To be completed by an authorized school district or shelter representative.

This form is to confirm that the above named student is considered to meet the requirements to be an unaccompanied homeless youth for the purpose of applying for Federal financial aid. This means that on or after July 1, 2017, the student was:

Check one:

- An unaccompanied homeless youth - 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.

I am completing this form of determination as a (check one):

- McKinney-Vento School District Liaison
- Director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter (list shelter name)
- Director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter (list shelter name)

Name (please print): _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Organization/School Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Telephone#: (_____) _____ - _____

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Section 2. Complete this section if you do not have a determination as described in Section 1, but you are an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or are an unaccompanied youth providing for your own expenses and at risk of being homeless.

- An unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness - The student is 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. Please provide a written statement of your circumstances and submit along with this form.

Check, if you are not homeless and will provide parental information on the FAFSA

- I am not homeless and do not qualify as an unaccompanied homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness.

Required Action:

→ You must correct the information on your FAFSA by providing your parent(s) financial information.

STUDENT CERTIFICATION:

By signing this form, you are certifying that all information being reported here and all supporting documentation you are submitting is complete and correct. Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

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.

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 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: <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/secletter/160726.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.

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.