



2020-2021 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification

Your 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) results indicate you received a determination at any time on or after July 1, 2019, that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or, for Question 56, at risk of being homeless.

In order to continue processing your 2020-2021 financial aid application, you must have this form completed and submitted to the Financial Aid Office.

Student's Name: _____ Student's ID Number: _____

Current Mailing Address of Student (if none, list name, phone number, and mailing address of a current contact)

I am completing this form for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth verification as a (check one):

- A McKinney-Vento School District Liaison _____
- A director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter: _____
- A director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter: _____

I am authorized to verify this student's living situation based on the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (Public Law 110-84).

This confirms that _____ was:
Student's Name

Check one:

_____ an unaccompanied homeless youth after July 1, 2019

(This means that, after July 1, 2019, 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.)

_____ an unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness after July 1, 2019.

(This means that, after July 1, 2019, the 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.)

Authorized Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Agency: _____ Phone: _____

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 you may go to the following website:

<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 you may go to the following website: <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>.