

RISK OF HOMELESSNESS – SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Student's name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Current mailing address: _____

You did not report information about your parents on your 2016-17 FAFSA because you indicated you are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The financial aid office must confirm your status.

In general, being “homeless” means lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing. This might include living in shelters, motels, or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go. Also, if you are living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent you may be considered homeless even if your parent would provide support and a place to live. **If you are unsure if your situation meets these definitions, or you need help in knowing what documentation to submit, please call the financial aid office.** The National Center for Homeless Education 1-800-308-2145 is also available if you have questions.

*If you made an error on your FAFSA, and are **not homeless or at risk of homelessness**, you do not need to return this form, however you must change your answer on your FAFSA and provide your parent(s)' financial information and signature.*

↪ You can access your FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov.

↪ Your financial aid cannot be processed by our office until you have completed the necessary corrections and signature(s).

If you feel you are homeless, or at risk of homelessness:

Check here and attach a signed letter of explanation from yourself and a **notarized** letter from a person with whom you have temporarily lived, or who knows of your situation, explaining your circumstances and how they know you.

↪ Attach additional documentation to help support your claim that you are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Examples of documentation include:

- Eviction notice or letter from landlord/friend/relative (if you have been asked to leave).
- Letter from homeless shelter or temporary independent living program.
- Police report or court papers if you are fleeing domestic violence or other violence or harassment.
- If you have recently been released from a hospital or prison, you can ask the hospital social worker or probation officer.

↪ Provide as much evidence as possible as to why you feel you are homeless or threatened with homelessness.

↪ Contact the financial aid office at the number listed below if you have any questions or are having problems obtaining documentation.

Certification

I certify that all information provided in this document is true, complete and accurate. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information I may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

Student signature: _____ **Date:** _____