

UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH

You reported on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that you are an unaccompanied youth who is homeless, or are an unaccompanied youth providing for your own living expenses and at risk of being homeless. The definitions below explain this status, but if you are not sure if your situation meets these definitions, or you need help, please call the financial aid office.

- **Homeless** means lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels, or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you had 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.
- **Unaccompanied** means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.
- **Youth** means you are 21 years of age or younger or still enrolled in high school as of the day you sign your FAFSA.

If you are an **unaccompanied homeless youth**, or an **unaccompanied self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness**, complete Box 1 or Box 2, sign the certification below and submit form to the financial aid office with documentation.

If you made an error on your FAFSA 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. 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).***

Student's name: _____ Phone: _____

Current mailing address: _____ Date of birth: _____

BOX 1: Complete this section if you received a determination at any time on or after July 1, 2015 that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of being homeless. *If your determination was made prior to July 1, 2015, contact the Financial Aid Office.*

Check box and **attach documentation** from one of the following:

- A McKinney-Vento School District Liaison
- A director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter (HUD = Housing and Urban Development)
- A director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter (RHYA = Runaway and Homeless Youth Act)

The documentation must confirm one of the following:

- You are an unaccompanied homeless youth. This means that, after July 1, 2015, you are living in a homeless situation, as defined by Section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Act, and are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.
- You are an unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness. This means that, after July 1, 2015, you are not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian, you provide entirely for your own living expenses, and are at risk of losing your housing.

BOX 2: Complete this section if you do not have a determination as described in Box 1, but **you are an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or are an unaccompanied youth providing for your own living expenses and at risk of being homeless.** *The National Center for Homeless Education 1-800-308-2145 is also available if you have questions:*

- 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.

SECTION C. 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: _____

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