



WHEELING UNIVERSITY

Unaccompanied / Homeless Youth Verification Form

You reported on your FAFSA that you are an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or are an unaccompanied youth providing for your own living expenses that is at risk of being homeless. Please complete this form by checking one of the boxes below, sign and submit it, along with any required documentation, to the Financial Aid Office. Please include your name and student ID number on all documentation submitted. You should make a copy of this form and all documents for your records. **Unaccompanied** – means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian. **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. **Youth** – means you are 21 years of age or younger or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you sign your FAFSA. *Students who don't meet the definition of youth because they are older than 21 (and not yet 24) and who are unaccompanied and homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless qualify for a homeless youth determination.

Student's Name: _____ Student ID# _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

- ☐ **Attaching documentation verifying homelessness or risk of homelessness:** By checking this box, you declare that you are able to provide verification of your status as an unaccompanied youth who is a homeless child or youth defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. You must sign the second page of this form and have it completed and signed by a Liaison, Director or Designee as indicated on page two of this form.
- ☐ **Unable to obtain documentation--23 years of age or younger at the time your financial aid application was signed:** Attach a signed letter explaining your situation if you have other circumstances that qualify you as an unaccompanied homeless youth or are at risk of homelessness and are not able to get documentation from one of the above officials. A student who chooses to leave their parents' home will need to demonstrate that they were at risk of harm if they continued to live with their parents. Attach any information you may have in support of your statements. The National Center for Homeless Education 1-800-308-2145 is also available if you have questions.
- ☐ **Not homeless and will provide parental information on your financial aid application:** I am not homeless and do not qualify as an unaccompanied homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness. You must correct the information on your financial aid application by providing your parental financial information. You and one parent must sign the financial aid application and submit it to the federal processor.

Financial Aid Office Use Only

- ☐ Status Verified by outside agency—qualifies as unaccompanied homeless youth
- ☐ No verification--age 23 and under--determined to be an unaccompanied homeless youth by financial aid office
- ☐ Not eligible-must provide parental data

Comments Supporting Decision: _____

Date of Review: _____ Reviewed by _____

Student: Only complete this page if you checked “Attaching Documentation Verifying Homelessness or Risk of Homelessness” on the previous page.

This section to be completed by a Liaison, Director or Designee as listed below:

I am a: (check one)

- ☐ McKinney-Vento School District Homeless Liaison
- ☐ Director or designee of a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded emergency shelter or transitional housing program
- ☐ Director or designee of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program funded by the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA)

I, the Liaison, Director or Designee as checked above, verify that _____ was:
(Print student’s name)

Check one:

- ☐ An unaccompanied homeless youth (under 21) after July 1, 2024
This means that after July 1, 2024, the student named above was living in a homeless situation, as defined by Section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Act, and was no in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.
- ☐ An unaccompanied, self-supporting youth (under 21) at risk of homelessness after July 1, 2024
This means that after July 1, 2024, the student named above 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.

As per the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (Public Law 110-84), I am authorized to verify this student’s living situation.

Printed Name of Liaison, Director or Designee checked above

Title

Place of Employment

Work Phone Number

Address of Place of Employment

City

State

Zip Code

Signature of Liaison, Directory or Designee

Date

Student: By signing this worksheet, you certify that all information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

Student’s Signature

Date