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UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH

You reported on your 2024-25 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. 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, cars or temporarily living with other people because you had nowhere else to go. In addition, 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.
- **At risk of being homeless**- when a student’s housing may cease to be fixed, regular, and adequate, for example, a student who is being evicted or has been asked to leave their current residence and has been unable to find fixed, regular and adequate housing
- **Self-Supporting**- when a student pays for his or her own living expenses, which includes paying for fixed, regular, and adequate housing

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 **studentaid.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, 2023 that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of being homeless. *If your determination was made prior to July 1, 2023, contact the Financial Aid Office*

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

- A McKinney-Vento School District Liaison or their designees;
- The director or a designee of a director of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness;
- A director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant;
- A Financial Aid Administrator at another institution who documented the student’s circumstance in the same or a prior award year.

The documentation must confirm one of the following:

- You are an unaccompanied homeless youth. This means that, after July 1, 2023, 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, 2023, 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.

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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