



Unaccompanied Youth or Homelessness 2026-2027

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First Name	Last Name	Student ID/SSN	Phone Number

The federal government requires colleges to check the accuracy of the information you provided on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the FAFSA. You must complete this worksheet, sign, attach any required documents, and submit the form to the Financial Aid Office before they can establish your eligibility for assistance. If you have questions about verification, contact the Financial Aid Office.

You have applied for federal financial aid as an independent student based on one of the following reasons:

- **"At risk of being homeless"** means when a student's housing may cease to be fixed, regular, and adequate, for example, a student who is being evicted and has been unable to find fixed, regular, and adequate housing.
- **"Homeless"** means lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing.
- **"Self-supporting"** means when a student pays for his or her own living expenses, including fixed, regular, and adequate housing.
- **"Unaccompanied"** means when a student is not living in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.
- **"Youth"** means you are not yet 24 years of age, or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you signed the FAFSA.

At any time on or after July 1, 2025, you were determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless with determination from one of the following entities.

Mark which applies to you below and attach a copy of the determination:

- A local educational agency homeless liaison (or designee), as designated by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
- The director (or designee) of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving individuals who are experiencing homelessness.
- The director (or designee) of a Federal TRIO program or a Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate program (GEAR UP) grant.
- A financial aid administrator at another institution who documented the student's circumstance in the same or prior year

Unable to provide listed documentation above: If you cannot provide one of the forms of documentation listed above, please **provide a statement of explanation** of why you should be considered independent based on unaccompanied youth or homelessness. Complete section 1a and 1b; *or* attach a signed letter of explanation.

Provide **one signed statement from a responsible adult** with knowledge of your situation and who can verify your circumstances. *Statements can be from "officials" or community leaders who know about your circumstance (e.g. clergy, counselor, mentor, teacher, employer, social worker, doctor, supervisor, employer, lawyer, law enforcement, etc.).*

Statements must include name, address, phone number, job title, relationship to you, and how they are aware of your situation.

Statements must be signed and written on agency/business letterhead or be notarized.

Certifications and Signatures: The person signing this form certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct. The student whose information was reported on the FAFSA must sign and date.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

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Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	Awarded: <input type="checkbox"/>	Date:	Email Notification <input type="checkbox"/> Processed By:
Comments:			

