

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

Documentation of Independent Student Status for the 2024-2025 Award Year

Student: _____

DOB: _____

SSN: _____

Current mailing address: _____

I am providing this letter of documentation as (check one):

- A McKinney-Vento school district liaison or designee.
- 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 (GEARUP) grant.
- A financial aid administrator at another institution who documented the student’s circumstance in the same year or a prior award year.

As per the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (Public Law 110-84), I am authorized to document this student’s living situation and determine his/her independent student status as an unaccompanied homeless youth or unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness. No further verification by the Financial Aid Administrator is necessary. Should you have additional questions or need more information about this student, please contact me at the number or e-mail address listed below.

This letter is to confirm that _____ was (check one):

- An unaccompanied homeless youth after July 1, 2023.** (This means that after July 1, 2023, the student was living in a homeless situation, as defined by Section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Act, and was not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.)
- An unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness after July 1, 2023.** (This means that after July 1, 2023 the student 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.)

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| Authorized Signature | Date |
| Print Name | Telephone Number |
| Title | Email |
| Agency | |