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## 2016-17 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification Form

Student's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID#/Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

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 who is at risk of being homeless. We must have this completed form and any required documentation before we can continue processing your financial aid.

**Remember to include your student ID number on all documentation submitted.**

**Attach Documentation Verifying Homelessness or Risk of Homelessness**

**Attach documentation from one of the following:**

- A McKinney-Vento School District Liaison
- A director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter
- A director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter

**The documentation must confirm:**

- **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 your own living expenses entirely, and are at risk of losing your housing.

**Attach an explanation letter if you cannot obtain a letter from one of the above**

**Attach a 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. The National Center for Homeless Education 1-800-308-2145 if also available if you have questions.

**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.

**Check, if you are not homeless and will provide parental information on the FAFSA**

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 FAFSA by providing your parent(s) financial information.
- You and one parent must sign the FAFSA and submit it to the federal processor.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information on this form is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_