

## 2022-23 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification Form

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

Prairie State ID# \_\_\_\_\_

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.**

### Homeless Youth Definitions

<p><b>At risk of being homeless:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Homeless:</b> Lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing.</p>	<p><b>Self-Supporting:</b> When a student pays for his own living expenses, including fixed, regular, and adequate housing.</p> <p><b>Unaccompanied:</b> When a student is not living in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.</p>	<p><b>Youth*:</b> A student who is 21 years old or younger or still enrolled in high school as of the date he/she signs the application.</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	<p><b>Housing</b></p> <p><b>Fixed:</b> Stationary, permanent, and not subject to change.</p> <p><b>Regular:</b> Used on a predictable, routine, or consistent basis.</p> <p><b>Adequate:</b> Sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in the home.</p>
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**Please check one of the following circumstances and provide the information requested:**

**Option 1: Federal Student Aid Approved Documentation:**

Attach documentation verifying homelessness or risk of homelessness 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

*Please Note: Documentation from sources listed above must be dated since July 1, 2021.*

**Option 2: Unaccompanied Homeless Youth determination was previously approved at Prairie State College**

- Academic Year: \_\_\_\_\_; it was determined that I was an unaccompanied homeless youth and I am still an unaccompanied homeless youth/at risk of being homeless.

**Option 3: Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Determination may be made based on another school's determination of UHY within the same academic year.**

If another school has determined your Unaccompanied Homeless Youth status, please provide the following:

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Option 4: FAA Determination**

- A. Are you unaccompanied (not in physical custody of a parent or guardian)? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Do you live with a parent? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. How often do you interact with your parent(s)? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Does your parent financially support you (examples: pay rent or bills; medical insurance, etc.)?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- E. How long have you been on your own? \_\_\_\_\_
- F. How are you supporting yourself? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Option 5: Unaccompanied Homeless Youth determination based on documented interview if other documentation isn't available:**

Fixed (stationary, permanent, not subject to change)

- A. Where are you living? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Is it permanent or temporary? \_\_\_\_\_

Regular

Why are you staying in your current place? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you stay in the same place every night, or move around often? \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you looking for another place to live? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you plan to move out soon? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you share the home equally or are you a guest in the home? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you have a key to the residence in which you live? \_\_\_\_\_  
Could you be asked to leave by the owner/renter of the residence where you reside? \_\_\_\_\_  
Where would you go if you could not stay where you are? \_\_\_\_\_

At Risk (Housing may cease to be fixed, regular, or adequate. Example: being evicted)

Is your current housing situation likely to end? \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you able to sustain it or are you at risk of being evicted? \_\_\_\_\_

Can any of the following third-party representatives confirm your homeless/at risk of homelessness/unaccompanied status:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Local school district homeless liaisons                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff from college access programs such as TRIO or GEAR UP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private or publicly funded homeless shelters and service providers    | <input type="checkbox"/> College or high school counselors                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health professionals, social workers, mentors, doctors, clergy |   |

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

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_