



2025–2026 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Determination Form

This form helps the Financial Aid Office determine if you qualify as an independent student based on your housing situation. Students who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or not living with a parent or guardian may be eligible for additional financial aid.

If approved, you will not need to include parent information on your FAFSA. All information is confidential and used only to determine your eligibility for aid. If you have questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office — we're here to support you.

Documentation from Authorized Entities

Do you have a letter or documentation from any of the following that states you were homeless, at risk of homelessness, or unaccompanied (not in the care of a parent or guardian) at any time since July 1, 2024?

(Check all that apply)

- ☐ A school district homeless liaison
- ☐ A director (or staff) of a shelter, transitional housing program, or outreach center
- ☐ A director (or staff) from a TRIO or GEAR UP program
- ☐ A financial aid administrator from another college or university

If you checked any box above and have documentation, please attach it. We are required to accept this unless there is conflicting information.

If You Do Not Have Documentation

Please complete this section if you do not have written documentation from the sources above.

1. Where are you currently living, or where would you live if not in on-campus housing? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Motel or hotel
- ☐ Car
- ☐ Campsite
- ☐ Shelter or temporary housing program
- ☐ Substandard housing (unsafe or inadequate living space)
- ☐ Staying with others temporarily due to loss of housing or financial hardship

2. If you are staying with others, what are the reasons? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Loss of housing
- ☐ Financial hardship (unable to afford your own housing)



☐ Other: _____

If you would not have a safe or stable place to go without your current arrangement, you may meet the federal definition of homeless.

Self-Supporting and At Risk of Homelessness

Please answer both questions:

1. Are you financially supporting yourself (paying for your own living expenses)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Is your housing at risk (e.g., possible eviction, unsafe environment, etc.)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered Yes to both and are not in the care of a parent or guardian, you may meet the criteria for independent status.

☐ Independent status confirmed: Student meets criteria as an unaccompanied homeless youth or is self-supporting and at risk of homelessness.

☐ Independent status not confirmed: Explanation and next steps provided below.

Notes:

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Financial Aid Administrator:

Print Name: _____

Signature (REQUIRED): _____

Date: _____