



2025-2026 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Status

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You didn't report information about your parents on FAFSA because you indicated that you are an unaccompanied youth and homeless, or an unaccompanied youth at risk of homelessness.

Provide one of the following documents that verify your status:

- Documentation from your high school or school district homeless liaison or designee
- Documentation from the director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness
- Documentation from the director or designee of a program funded under subtitle B of title IV of McKinney-Vento (relating to emergency shelter grants).
- Documentation from the director or designee of a Federal TRIO program or a Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate program (GEAR UP) grant.
- Documentation from a financial aid administrator at your prior institution.

The documentation must verify that one of the above entities made the determination that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless on or after the date reported on FAFSA. The documentation must be signed and dated by the entity that made the determination.

If you are unable to provide the above documentation, you will need to complete and submit the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification Form along with the requested documentation listed on the form.



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A. Student Information

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	USI Student ID number (SSN if ID is unknown)
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
			Phone Number (Include Area Code)

B. Certification

Check the box(es) that apply to your circumstances:

- ☐ I certify that I (the student) am Unaccompanied.
- Unaccompanied means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian. This could be on a consistent, prolonged, or irregular basis.
- ☐ I certify that I (the student) am Homeless or Self-Supporting and At Risk of being Homeless.
- Homeless means lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing. You may be homeless if you're living in shelters, parks, motels, hotels, public spaces, camping grounds, cars, and abandoned buildings, or if you're temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go. If you're living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent, we may consider you homeless even if your parent would otherwise provide you with a place to live.
 - Self-supporting means you pay for your own living expenses, including fixed, regular, and adequate housing.
 - At risk means your housing may cease to be fixed, regular, and adequate. For example, you are being evicted or have been asked to leave your current residence and have been unable to find fixed, regular, and adequate housing.

Answer the following questions:

- Date of homelessness: _____ Duration of homelessness: _____ to _____
- Where did you reside during homelessness? _____
- Where do you currently reside? _____
 - If on-campus, where would you reside when not on-campus such as winter break or summer break? _____
- How do you currently support yourself? _____
- Attach a typed/signed statement explaining your circumstances. Provide any additional documentation/supporting statements that you feel may be helpful.**

C. Certification and Signature(s)

Typed/Electronic signatures are NOT accepted

I hereby certify that all information contained in this appeal, including my personal statement and other documentation, is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. **I swear or affirm that I have not knowingly or intentionally provided any false statements or fraudulent documentation.** I understand that if I am found to have knowingly or intentionally given false or fraudulent statements and/or documentation, my appeal will be denied and my eligibility for Federal and State student aid jeopardized.

Note: Federal regulations stipulate that evidence of fraud must be reported to the U.S. Department of Education for possible investigation by the Office of the Inspector General and possible prosecution by the United States Attorney.

Student Signature

Date