



UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH VERIFICATION FORM 2021-2022

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Name of Student _____ Student ID# _____

Verification of Student's Living Situation

I _____ am providing this verification as a (check one):

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

As per the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (Public Law 110-84), I am authorized to verify this student's living situation. 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 listed below.

This confirms that _____ was (check one): (Name of Student)

- An unaccompanied homeless youth after July 1, 2020. This means that, after July 1, 2020, this 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, 2020. This means that, after July 1, 2020, this 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.

Authorized signature of Liaison/Designee

Date

Printed Name

Contact Number

Agency Name

Address

*see definitions on the back of this page

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH

Who are Unaccompanied Homeless Youth? Unaccompanied homeless youth are young people who lack safe, stable housing and who are not in the care of a parent or guardian. They may have run away from home or been forced to leave by their parents. Unaccompanied youth live in a variety of temporary situations, including shelters, the homes of friends or relatives, cars, campgrounds, public parks, abandoned buildings, motels, and bus or train stations.

Who are McKinney-Vento School District Liaisons? Under subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, every school district is required to designate a liaison for students experiencing homelessness. Homeless liaisons have a number of legal responsibilities under the Act, including identifying youth who meet the definition of homeless and are unaccompanied. The education subtitle of the McKinney-Vento Act is overseen by the U.S. Department of Education.

What are HUD-funded Shelters? The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers funding for homeless shelters and services under Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Act.

What are RHYA-funded Shelters? The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services administers the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act programs. These programs provide funding for Basic Centers, Transitional Living Programs, and Street Outreach Programs that serve runaway and other unaccompanied homeless youth.

For more information, see: www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/legislation.html