

## 2022-23 Determination Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SCC Student ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

This form is for students who have completed the 2022-23 FAFSA resulting in a Dependent Student status because they are unable to answer “yes” to questions related to homelessness, but may still meet the definition of Unaccompanied Homeless Youth or Unaccompanied Youth at Risk of being Homeless. According to the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), the definition of independent students includes youth who are: 1) unaccompanied and homeless, or 2) unaccompanied, self-supporting, and at-risk of homelessness. This includes youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and unaccompanied, which includes youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian (McKinney-Vento Act). The HEA also uses ‘at-risk of homelessness’ to refer to students whose housing may cease to be fixed, regular, and adequate.

There are two ways in which a student can be determined an unaccompanied homeless youth or unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of being homeless. Please select which process best fits your situation and follow instructions.

**Determination by Agency:** **Student will need to submit this page as well as a letter of verification\* OR a completed verification form (page 2) from one of the following persons:**

- A McKinney-Vento School District Liaison
- A director or designee of a HUD-Funded Shelter
- A director or designee of a RHYA-Funded Shelter
- Other professional such as: homeless shelter or service provider, Financial Aid Administrator from another college, staff from TRiO or GEAR UP, college or high school counselor, mental health professional, social worker, employer, mentor, doctor, clergy, other.

\*The letter should be dated, and included contact information for any necessary follow-up questions.

***If you select the “Determination by Agency” Option, you do not have to complete pages 3 & 4 of this form.***

**Determination by Personal Statement/Interview:** **Student will need to submit this page and a completed student determination form (page 3 & 4).**

A follow-up interview will then be scheduled through a financial aid administrator (in person, zoom, phone)

***If you select the “Determination by Personal Statement” option, you do not need page 2 of this form.***

**2022-23 Determination  
Unaccompanied Homeless Youth****TO BE COMPLETED BY AGENCY OR OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL**  
*(except for student signature at the bottom)*

Please identify your authority:

- McKinney-Vento School District Homeless Liaison
- Director or designee of a HUD funded emergency shelter or transitional housing program
- Director or designee of a RHYA funded shelter or center
- Professional third party

I, the Liaison, Director or Designee, or Professional as indicated above, verify that \_\_\_\_\_ was

**An unaccompanied homeless youth (under age 24) after July 1, 2021**

This means that at any time on or after July 1, 2021 the student named above 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 (under the age of 24) at risk of homelessness on or after July 1, 2021**

This means that at any time on or after July 1, 2021, the student named above was not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, provides for their own living expenses entirely, including fixed, regular and adequate housing, and is at risk of losing their housing.

**By signing this form, I acknowledge the following:**

- 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.
- All of the information reported to qualify for Federal/State student aid is complete and correct.
- I can be contacted at the number listed below to verify or to request additional information regarding this student.

Printed Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**E-signatures will NOT be accepted.**



**2022-23 Determination  
Unaccompanied Homeless Youth  
TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SCC Student ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please refer to the following definitions as you complete this form:

**Homeless** – lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing

**At risk of being homeless** – 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.

**Unaccompanied** – when a student is not living in the physical custody of a parent or guardian

**Self-Supporting** – when a student pays for their own living expenses, including fixed, regular, and adequate housing.

With Regard to Housing:

**Fixed** – stationary, permanent, and not subject to change

**Regular** – used on a predictable, routine, or consistent basis

**Adequate** – sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in the home.

1. Please indicate the dates of your homeless situation:

Began: \_\_\_\_\_ Ended: \_\_\_\_\_ Current/Ongoing

2. In which of the following situations did you reside during homelessness?

\_\_\_\_\_ Motel

\_\_\_\_\_ Shelter or other temporary housing program

\_\_\_\_\_ Car

\_\_\_\_\_ Temporarily staying with others because have nowhere else to go

\_\_\_\_\_ Campsite

\_\_\_\_\_ Substandard housing (housing that is insufficient to meet the physical and

\_\_\_\_\_ Other

psychological need typically met in a home environment.)

3. In which of the following situations do you currently reside, or would reside if not residing in campus housing?

\_\_\_\_\_ I currently have adequate off-campus housing

\_\_\_\_\_ Shelter or other temporary housing program

\_\_\_\_\_ Temporarily staying with others because have nowhere else to go

\_\_\_\_\_ Substandard housing (housing that is insufficient to meet the physical and psychological need typically met in a home environment.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (car, motel, campsite, or \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am at risk of losing my housing because of eviction or economic hardship.

4. If you are living with another household, check all of the reasons that apply:

- Loss of housing
- Economic hardship resulting in inability to secure and maintain fixed, regular, and adequate housing
- Other (including, for example, when it is not safe for a youth to live with a parent or guardian, when a parent or guardian has forced a youth to leave home, or other situations of abuse or conflict.)

5. Please check all scenarios that describe your current financial situation:

- I am self-supporting and receive zero help from others (responsible for own living expenses.)
- I have inadequate income/support and am at risk of becoming homeless.
- I am not self-supporting but receive adequate assistance/support from family/others
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**By Signing this form, I acknowledge the following:**

I certify all of the information reported to qualify for Federal/State student aid is complete and correct.

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

***E-Signatures will NOT be accepted***

***For Financial Aid office use only:***

- Determination made by Financial Aid Administrator – qualifies as:
  - unaccompanied homeless youth
  - unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness
  - Not eligible as unaccompanied homeless youth – must provide parental data

Comments:

FAA Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

FAA Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_