

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification for the Purposes of Federal Financial Aid

To be completed by agency official and student

Student's Name

UAS Student ID

Agency: _____

Agency Phone Number

Agency Email

Current mailing address of student (if none, please list name, phone number, and mailing address of current contact):

I am providing this letter of verification as a (check one, see Page 2 for definitions):

- ☐ 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. Should you have additional questions or need more information about this student, please contact me at the number listed above.

This letter is to confirm that _____ was (check one):
(Student name)

- ☐ An unaccompanied homeless youth after July 1, 2021 (This means that, after July 1, 2021, the 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 that is at risk of being homeless after July 1, 2021 (This means that, after July 1, 2021, the 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).

Print Name and Title of Agency Official: _____

Agency Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please attach a business card. Form will not be accepted without a business card



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Who are Unaccompanied Homeless Youth? Unaccompanied homeless youth are those under age 21 who lack safe, stable homes 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 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. For more information, see: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/legislation.html>

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. These funds are distributed to communities through a competitive grant process. For more information: <https://www.hud.gov/states>

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 youth. For more information, see: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/grants/alaska-rhy>

Sincerely,

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