Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification for the Purposes of Federal Financial Aid

_____   _____
Student's Name   UAS Student ID

_____   _____
Student's Email   Telephone Number

In order for the Financial Aid Office to consider you an Unaccompanied Homeless Youth for financial aid purposes, you must complete this form and submit the following:

I.   Attach a signed personal letter requesting the determination or continuation of your unaccompanied homeless youth status. The letter must update your family circumstances and include the following information:

➢ At any time on or after July 1, 2022 were you considered to be homeless? (outside of living in student housing/dorms)

➢ What were your (and parents) living arrangements over the past year?

➢ Who has provided support to you during the past year?

II.   Two signed letters from a third party (on letterhead) attesting to your homeless situation. This can include a homeless shelter or service provider, health or mental health professional, social worker, counselor, employer, mentor, UAS staff or faculty, etc.

or

You may complete the form on page 3 below with your McKinney-Vento School District Liaison or the Director/Designee of a HUD or RHYA funded shelter (if applicable).

III.   Please confirm that you are one of the following:

_____ **An unaccompanied homeless youth after July 1, 2022**

I am 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, 2022**

I am not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, provide for my own living

expenses entirely, and am at risk of losing housing.

_____ **I am not homeless or at risk of being homeless** and I do not qualify as an

unaccompanied homeless youth (as defined by the Department of Education above) for

financial aid purposes. I understand that I must correct my FAFSA and provide parental

information on my application.

By signing this document, I certify that all the information reported on it is true and accurate. If I purposely give false or misleading information on this document, it will be cause for denial or repayment of financial aid and I may also be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

Student Signature: _____   Date: _____

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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, 2022 (This means that, after July 1, 2022, 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, 2022 (This means that, after July 1, 2022, 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

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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