



2025-26 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification Form

Student's First Name		WSU Student ID	
Student's Last Name		Phone Number	

You indicated on your FAFSA that you are either an unaccompanied homeless youth or an unaccompanied youth at risk of homelessness. To determine your financial aid eligibility, the Office of Student Financial Aid needs more information. Please complete and submit this form with the required documentation within 14 business days. Include your student ID number on all documents.

If you were considered an unaccompanied homeless youth in previous years at WSU, you do not need to submit this form.

Check	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>ATTACH a signed copy of the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Determination Letter or other documentation from one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School district homeless liaison, or designee of the liaison, as designated by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Director or a designee of a director of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving individuals who are experiencing homelessness. Director or a designee of a director of a program funded under TRIO or GEAR UP. A financial aid administrator at the same or another institution who previously made a homeless youth determination. <p>The documentation must confirm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are an unaccompanied homeless youth if at any time on or after July 1, 2024, you are living in a homeless situation and you are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian. You are an unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness if at any time on or after July 1, 2024, you are not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian, you provide for your own living expenses entirely, and you are at risk of losing your housing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>ATTACH an Explanation Letter if you cannot obtain a letter from one of the above</p> <p>Attach a letter explaining your situation, if you have other circumstances that qualify you as an unaccompanied homeless youth or you are at risk of homelessness and you are not able to get documentation from one of the above named officials. If you have questions, you may contact the National Center for Homeless Education, 800-308-2145 or homeless@serve.org.</p> <p>Attach a separate letter from a third party, which verifies your explanation statement. If you have trouble obtaining this documentation, please indicate this in your letter.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Check if you are not homeless and will provide parental information on the FAFSA</p> <p>I am not homeless and do not qualify as an unaccompanied homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must correct the information on your FAFSA by providing your parent(s)' financial information. You and one parent must sign the FAFSA and submit it to the federal processor.



REQUIRED STUDENT SIGNATURE

	(Signature must be handwritten with ink or stylus)	
Student signature		Date



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Definitions

Homeless - A student is considered homeless if he lacks fixed, regular, and adequate housing. This is broader than just living "on the street." It includes but is not limited to: youth sharing housing with other people temporarily because they had nowhere else to go; youth living in emergency or transitional shelters, for example, trailers provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency after disasters; youth living in motels, campgrounds, cars, parks, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations, substandard housing, or any public or private place not designed for humans to live in; youth living in the school dormitory if they would otherwise be homeless; and youth who are migrants and who qualify as experiencing homeless because they are living in circumstances described above. It also includes living in campus housing if the student would otherwise be homeless. A student living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent may be considered homeless even if the parent would provide support and a place to live.

Unaccompanied - When a student is not living in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

Youth - Any student who is not yet 24 may qualify for a homeless youth determination.

Self-Supporting - When a student pays for their own living expenses, including 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.

DESIGNEE or LIAISON USE ONLY - Only a person in one of the roles indicated below should sign this form

Role - check applicable role:

- School district homeless liaison, or designee of the liaison, as designated by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
- Director or a designee of a director of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving individuals who are experiencing homelessness.
- Director or a designee of a director of a program funded under TRIO or GEAR UP.
- A financial aid administrator at another institution who previously made a homeless youth determination.

This form conveys my determination that any time since July 1, 2024, the above-named student was:

- An unaccompanied homeless youth, as defined by the FAFSA Simplification Act (Public Law No: 116-260).
- An unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness.

I am authorized to document this student's living situation and determine his/her independent student status as an unaccompanied homeless youth, or an unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness. Financial aid administrators must accept this documentation unless there is specific documented conflicting information.

DESIGNEE SIGNATURE (Signature must be handwritten with ink or stylus) Date

Designee Printed Name Phone number

Designee Title Agency/School