



2018-2019 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

Last Name	First Name	SMC ID
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You reported on your FAFSA that at any time **on or after July 1, 2017** you were, or are, an unaccompanied youth who is homeless, or are at risk of being homeless. For federal financial aid purposes, unaccompanied homeless youth is defined as:

“UNACCOMPANIED”- not living in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

“HOMELESS”- lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, which includes living in shelters, motels or cars, or temporarily living with other people because there was nowhere else to go.

“YOUTH”- 21 years of age or younger or was still enrolled in high school as of the day the FAFSA was submitted.

Your status must be verified and reviewed in order to continue with the review of your financial aid eligibility. Select ONLY ONE of the following options below along with the required documentation:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>I am homeless or at risk of being homeless and I am providing verification of my status from <u>ONE</u> of the options below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McKinney-Vento Act School District Homeless Liaison <u>OR</u> • Director or designee of a US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) funded emergency shelter or transitional housing program, <u>OR</u> • Director or designee of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program funded by the Runaway & Homeless Youth Act (RHYA)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>I am homeless or at risk of being homeless and I am unable to obtain documentation to verify my status. I am submitting the documents below for further review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>A typed, dated and signed personal statement that explains the facts regarding your living situation.</u> Please focus on your situation since 7/1/2017 and include relevant information. Be sure to include the nature of your contact with your parent(s) or guardian(s), significant dates, and the name(s) and address(s) of whom you are temporarily living with, if applicable. • <u>Two typed, dated and signed statements from official sources (on letterhead whenever possible) who can attest to your living situation from first-hand knowledge.</u> This may include the adult whose home you are temporarily living in, a counselor, employer, religious leader, medical professional, social worker, etc. Be advised that a statement from official sources <u>is not</u> a letter of recommendation. The National Center for Homeless Education is also available for questions or concerns at (800) 308-2145 or via email at homeless@serve.org.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>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) for financial aid purposes. I understand that I must correct my FAFSA and provide parental information on my application.</p>

Certification and Signatures

I certify that all the information which I have provided on this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I purposely provide false or misleading information, I may be fined, be sentenced to jail or both, and it may be cause for denial, and/or repayment of financial aid funds.

Student Signature _____

Date _____