

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification (UHYV)

2009 - 2010

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Student's Name _____

Student ID # _____

9 3 0 _____

Student's UNC Asheville Email Address _____

Student's Phone Number (or Contact's Phone Number)

(_____) _____ - _____

According to our records, you answered YES to question 58, 59 or 60 on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) stating that you were determined homeless.

For the purposes of the following questions:

- "Homeless" means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you had nowhere else to go.
- "Unaccompanied" means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.
- "Youth" means you are 21 years of age or younger, or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you sign this application

DIRECTIONS:

Answer "Yes" if you received a determination at any time on or after July 1, 2008, that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of being homeless.

Answer "No" if you are not homeless, at risk of being homeless, or if you do not have a determination. If you answer "No" to all 3 questions, corrections will be made to your Student Aid Report.

1. **At any time, on or after July 1, 2008, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?** ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, skip questions 2 and 3, sign and date this form, and attach copies of official documentation to support your claim.

2. **At any time, on or after July 1, 2008, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?** ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, skip question 3, sign and date this form, and attach copies of official documentation to support your claim.

3. **At any time, on or after July 1, 2008, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?** ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, sign and date this form, and attach copies of official documentation to support your claim.

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION:

1. Copy of determination on official letterhead from:
 - A. A McKinney-Vento School District Liaison, or
 - B. A director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter, or
 - C. A director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter, or
2. Completion of page 2 of this form by one of the authorized officials listed above.

By signing this form, I certify that all of the information reported to qualify for federal student aid is complete and correct.

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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SECTION 1 : Student Information

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Social Security Number: _____		Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Current Mailing Address of Student (if none, please list name, phone number, and mailing address of current contact):		
Address (include apt. #)		
City	State	Zip Code
		(____) _____ - _____ Phone number (include area code)

SECTION 2 : Verification

I am providing this letter of verification as a (check one):

- 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. No further verification by the Financial Aid Administrator is necessary.

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

This letter is to confirm that _____ was:
(Name of Student)

Check one:

- An unaccompanied homeless youth after July 1, 2008.
This means that, after July 1, 2008, _____ was living in a homeless situation, as
(Name of Student)
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, 2008.
This means that, after July 1, 2008, _____ was not in the physical custody of a parent
(Name of Student)
or guardian, provides for his/her own living expenses entirely on his/her own, and is at risk of losing his/her housing.

SECTION 3 : Authorization

Authorized Signature	Date
Print Name	Telephone Number
Title	
Agency	

Who are McKinney-Vento School District Liaisons? Under subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, every school 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, see: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/index.cfm>

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 homeless youth. For more information, see: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/content/youthdivision/index.htm#sub1>