

North Central State College

Financial Aid Office

UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH DOCUMENTATION

Name _____ NCSC I.D. _____

Based on the information you provided on the 2026-2027 FAFSA, North Central State College Financial Aid Office is requesting documentation to verify your unaccompanied homeless youth status. Please complete this form and return it with all required documentation to the financial aid office. A student is considered an independent student if they can document at any time on or after July 1, 2026 that they were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or an unaccompanied youth providing their own living expenses and at risk of being homeless.

Below is a list of acceptable documentation to confirm you are an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of homelessness. Please return the supporting documentation with this completed and signed form.

- ☐ I have been determined, as of or after July 1, 2026, to be an unaccompanied youth who is homeless.

If you are a current High School Student, please provide documentation from a high school or school district homeless liaison that you were determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless, or an unaccompanied youth providing your own living expenses who is at risk of being homeless at any time on or after July 1, 2026, **OR**

Provide documentation from the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development that you were determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless at any time on or after July 1, 2026.

- ☐ I have been determined, as of or after July 1, 2026, to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or to be self-supporting AND at risk of being homeless.

Provide documentation from the director of a runaway or homeless youth (RHYA) basic center or transitional living program that determined that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless at any time on or after July 1, 2026.

- ☐ I am unable to obtain the required documentation.

Provide a typed and physically signed statement explaining your circumstance. Explain why you do not live with your parents. Please include how you support yourself (living expenses, including fixed, regular, and adequate housing), where you reside and where you would reside if you could not stay at their current location, etc. If you are staying in another household, please explain the why. Additional information may be required. On a case-by-case basis, NCSC may make the determination that you are an unaccompanied homeless youth and override your status to Independent.

Please remember Students of a traditional college age are almost always thought to be members of their parents' families, and their parents' financial resources are considered when the student's eligibility for financial aid is determined. **Living apart from parents and/or providing for one's own financial needs are not, by themselves, permissible reasons for altering dependency. A student who moves out of their parent's household to live on their own is not considered an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless**

Certification

All information I report here, and all documentation I provide to confirm what I report here, is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I knowingly give, or allow others to give, false or misleading information to qualify me for Federal student aid, I may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

Student signature _____ Date _____

Handwritten signatures are required. Typed or font-based signatures will not be accepted.

Office Use only

____ Documentation is acceptable.

____ Documentation is not acceptable.

____ Statement confirms Independent status

____ Statement does not confirm independent status

Reviewed by:

WHAT IS AN UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH?

Unaccompanied homeless youth are young people who lack safe, stable housing 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.

Unaccompanied youth do not receive financial support from their parents and do not have access to parental information.

WHO ARE MCKINNEY-VENTO SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISONS?

Under Title VII, subtitle 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, visit: <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, visit: <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, visit: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/content/youthdivision/index.htm#sub1>.