

## 2025-2026 Unaccompanied & Homeless Youth Verification

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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ SSC ID:\_\_\_\_\_

When completing the 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you answered YES to question 6 that asks, "At any time on or after July 1, 2024, was the student unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?" Check the appropriate letter below (A-E) that lists the entity that made the determination. You will need to submit the required documentation listed. If you cannot provide the documentation outlined on this form, you are likely to be considered dependent for financial aid purposes. Upon review of this form and accompanying documentation, your financial aid will be reviewed. You will be notified if it is determined that you need to make corrections to your 2025-2026 FAFSA.

- O A. Director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness. **Documentation required:** *Photocopy of a signed letter on <u>official letterhead</u> from a director of a qualifying shelter or program certifying homeless or at-risk status.*
- O B. The student's high school or school district homeless liaison or designee. **Documentation required**: Photocopy of a signed letter on <u>official letterhead</u> from a school district liaison certifying homeless or at-risk status. Established SSC students cannot submit a high school letter.
- O C. Director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant. **Documentation required:** *Photocopy of a signed letter on <u>official letterhead</u> from a homelessness liaison certifying homeless or at-risk status.*
- O D. A Financial Aid Administrator at another institution who documented your circumstance in the same or a prior award year. **Documentation required:** *Photocopy of a signed letter on <u>official letterhead</u> from a Financial Aid Administrator certifying homeless or at-risk status.*
- E. None of the options in letters A-D apply. Documentation required: 1. A typed letter explaining your situation as homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, 2. Three signed letters (on agency letterhead) from professionals (i.e. high school counselors, therapist, clergy, police) verifying your situation, AND 3. Supporting documentation (i.e. court papers, police reports, records from social services agencies) verifying your situation as described in the typed letter.

## Certification:

I certify that all information on this form is true, complete and accurate. Upon request, I agree to provide additional proof of the information reported on this form. **Warning:** If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison or both.

Student Signature

Date