2015-16 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification Form

You reported on your financial aid application that you are an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or are an unaccompanied youth providing for your own living expenses who is at risk of being homeless. Please complete this form by checking one of the boxes below, sign and submit it, along with any required documentation, to the financial aid office. Include your student ID number on all documentation submitted. You should make a copy of this form and all documents for your records.

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 your financial aid application.

☐ Attaching documentation verifying homelessness or risk of homelessness:
By checking this box, you declare that you are able to provide verification of your status as an unaccompanied homeless youth or youth defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. You must sign the second page of this form and have it completed and signed by a Liaison, Director or Designee as indicated on page two of this form.

☐ Unable to obtain documentation--21 years of age or younger at the time your financial aid application was signed:
Attach a letter explaining your situation if you have other circumstances that qualify you as an unaccompanied homeless youth or are at risk of homelessness and are not able to get documentation from one of the above officials. A student who chooses to leave their parents’ home will need to demonstrate that they were at risk of harm if they continued to live with their parents. Attach any information you may have in support of your statements. The National Center for Homeless Education 1-800-308-2145 is also available if you have questions.

☐ Unable to obtain documentation--22 to 23 years of age at the time your financial aid application was signed:
If you are between the ages of 22 to 23 and believe you otherwise meet the criteria of an unaccompanied homeless youth, you may be eligible to have your dependency status updated by the financial aid office. Please complete the 2015-16 Dependency Override Appeal Form available on the Allan Hancock College website under financial aid forms at http://www.hancockcollege.edu/financial_aid/forms.php.

☐ Not homeless and will provide parental information on your financial aid application:
I am not homeless and do not qualify as an unaccompanied homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness. You must correct the information on your financial aid application by providing your parental financial information. You and one parent must sign the financial aid application and submit it to the federal processor.

__________________________________________      ________________________
Student’s Signature                          Date

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☐ Status Verified by outside agency—qualifies as unaccompanied homeless youth
☐ No verification--age 21 and under--determined to be an unaccompanied homeless youth by financial aid office
☐ Not eligible--age 22-23--must apply for a dependency override
☐ Not eligible--must provide parental data

Comments Supporting Decision: ________________________________________________________________

Date of Review: ____________________________ Reviewed by: _______________________

Financial Aid Office
800 South College Drive
Santa Maria, CA 93454-6399
(805) 922-6966, Ext. 3200
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**Student:** Only complete this page if you checked “Attaching Documentation Verifying Homelessness or Risk of Homelessness” on page one of this form.

*This section to be completed by a Liaison, Director or Designee as listed below*

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I am a: (check one)

☐ McKinney-Vento School District Homeless Liaison  
(Contact your school district for contact information on this person)

☐ Director or designee of a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded emergency shelter or transitional housing program, or

☐ Director or designee of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program funded by the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA)

I, the Liaison, Director or Designee as checked above, verify that ________________ was:  
(Print student’s name above)

Check one:

☐ An unaccompanied homeless youth (under 21) after July 1, 2014  
This means that after July 1, 2014, the student named above was living in a homeless situation, as 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 (under 21) at risk of homelessness after July 1, 2014  
This means that after July 1, 2014, the student named above was not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, provides for his/her own living expenses entirely on his/her own, and is at risk of losing his/her housing.

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. Please contact me at the number listed below to verify or to request additional information regarding this student.

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**Sign this Worksheet**

*By signing this worksheet, you certify that all information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.*

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