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2025-2026 Determination of Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

Student: _____ UHV ID#: _____

The 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) stipulates that a student may be considered independent for financial aid purposes if they have received a determination at any time on or after July 1, 2024 that they were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of being homeless. **If your determination was made prior to July 1, 2024, please complete Section II, Unaccompanied Youth Update.**

Section I: To be completed by an authorized director or designee.

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

A McKinney-Vento School District Liaison

A director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter (US Department of Housing and Urban Development)

A director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter (Runaway and Homeless Youth Act)

A director or designee of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program

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.

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

(Please check one)

- An Unaccompanied homeless youth **after July 1, 2024**
- This means that, after July 1, 2024, the above named student 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 at risk of homelessness **after July 1, 2024**
- This means that, after July 1, 2024, the above named student 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.

Name of Liason or Director(please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Comments: _____

Section 2: Student completes this section.

You should submit this form if you had a determination that you were an unaccompanied youth that was homeless or at risk of homelessness **prior to July 1, 2024.**

Are you 21 years of age or younger? YES NO

- **If NO, STOP** – you are not eligible to complete this form. If you are above the age of 21 but not yet 24 you may not qualify for unaccompanied youth status, but you may qualify to submit a Dependency Override Appeal. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.
- **If YES**, you may continue.

What is your current living situation?

Off-Campus Apartment

On-Campus/Dorm

With Family

With Friends

Other: (Please describe)

A student is *homeless* when lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing or at *risk of being homeless* when housing may cease to be fixed, regular, and adequate. For example: a student who is being evicted and has been unable to find fixed, regular, and adequate housing.

Based on the definition of *homeless* or *at risk of being homeless*, would you be homeless if you were unable to live as you are currently living? YES NO

A student is *self-supporting* when he/she pays for his own living expenses, including fixed, regular and adequate housing.

Are you *self-supporting*? YES NO

A student is *unaccompanied* when he/she is not living in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

Are you *unaccompanied*? YES NO

I certify this information is true and accurately reflects my current circumstances.

Student Signature _____

Date _____