

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification

Student Name: _____ Coppin State ID: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

You reported on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) either that you are an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or an unaccompanied youth providing for your own living expenses who is at risk for being homeless. To determine your eligibility for financial aid, the Office of Financial Aid needs additional information. Please complete this form and return it with certification from the appropriate agency verifying your homeless status.

Definitions

- **Unaccompanied** – means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent
- **Homeless** – means lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing. For example, temporarily living with other people, living in substandard housing, living in substandard housing living in emergency or transitional shelters (FEMA trailers after a disaster), living in motels, camping grounds, cars, parks, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations, and a student dormitory because he had nowhere else to go. A student living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent may be considered homeless even if the parent would provide support and a place to live.
- **Youth** – means applicants who are 21 years of age or younger or still enrolled in high school the day you sign your FAFSA. If you are under 24, unaccompanied and homeless or at risk of homelessness you may still qualify for homeless youth determination.

Please select one of the following:

- Documentation Verifying Homelessness or Risk of Homelessness**
 - **Attach documentation from one of the following:**
 - A McKinney-Vento School District Liaison
 - A director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter
 - A director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter
 - **Documentation Verification Must Confirm:**
 - **You are an accompanied homeless youth** – Effective after July 1, 2018, you are 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.
 - **You are self-supporting youth at risk if homelessness** – Effective July 1, 2018, you are not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian, provided for your own living expenses entirely on your own, and was at risk of losing your housing.
- Explanation letter (if you cannot obtain a letter from a liaison/director/designee)**
 - **Attach a brief (1-2 paragraph) letter explaining your situation and why you believe you are eligible**
 - If you have circumstances that qualify you as an unaccompanied homeless youth or you are at risk of homelessness and you are not able to get documentation from a liaison/director/designee.
- Not homeless and will provide parental information on the FAFSA**
 - **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 FAFSA by providing your parent(s) financial information.
 - You and a parent must sign the FAFSA and submit it for processing.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Return this worksheet to:

Coppin University, Financial Aid Office, 2500 West North Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21216

Phone: 410-951-3620 Fax: 410-951-2551 Email to: financialaid@coppin.edu