On your 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated that you are an unaccompanied, self-supporting youth who is homeless or at risk of homelessness. This qualifies you as an independent student for financial aid purposes. Please read the following and answer the proceeding questions.

- Homeless, for financial aid purposes, means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels or car, or temporarily living with other people because you, the student, had nowhere else to go.
- Unaccompanied means that you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.
- Youth means that you are 21 years of age or younger or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you sign this application.

At any time on or after July 1, 2015, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?

- Yes. If yes, submit appropriate documentation as described below.
- No. Continue with this form.

At any time on or after July 1, 2015, did the director of an emergency shelter program funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?

- Yes. If yes, submit appropriate documentation as described below.
- No. Continue with this form.

At any time on or after July 1, 2015, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

- Yes. If yes, submit appropriate documentation as described below.
- No. See below.

If none of the previous situations describe your circumstances, you must be considered a dependent student. In this case, you must submit a FAFSA Parental Information Form with your biological/adoptive parental income information and signature(s). To obtain this form go to [www.ohio.edu/financialaid](http://www.ohio.edu/financialaid) and select “forms”.

**Required Appropriate Documentation**

You must submit verification of your status from a local educational homeless liaison, a director of an emergency shelter grant program under McKinney-Veto Homelessness Act, a director of a program funded under Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, or by a financial aid administrator. This verification must be submitted to our office on letterhead and must be attached to this form.