Homeless Affirmation Form 2026-2027

Complete the form fully. Visit www.ohio.edu/financial-aid/forms for directions on submitting your forms using our Secure Upload Portal, or by mail, or fax.

Student Name _____ **Student PID (Pxxxxxxxxx)** _____

Written Student Signature (Electronic Signature Not Accepted) _____ **Date** _____

On your 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated that you are, or were at one point after July 1, 2025, an unaccompanied youth who is homeless, or self-supporting and at-risk of homelessness. You *may*, therefore, qualify as an independent student.

For financial aid purposes:

- **Unaccompanied** means that you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.
- **Homeless** means lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing (e.g. living in a shelter, motel or car, or temporarily living with other people because you, the student, had nowhere else to go).
- **Self-supporting** means paying for all of your own living expenses, including fixed, regular and adequate housing without the assistance of your parent or guardian.

Was your status determined by:

A. Your high school or school district homeless liaison?
- ☐ Yes. If yes, **submit** appropriate documentation as described below.
- ☐ No. Continue with this form.

B. The director of an emergency shelter program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)?
- ☐ Yes. If yes, **submit** appropriate documentation as described below.
- ☐ No. Continue with this form.

C. The director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program?
- ☐ Yes. If yes, **submit** appropriate documentation as described below.
- ☐ No. See below.

D. Other:
- ☐ **I do not have any of the above listed documents. I understand that I must meet with my Financial Aid Advisor** to review my circumstances and determine if I may be considered an independent student on the FAFSA.

If you indicated this status in error, or if you do not meet the requirements to be considered independent, you will be required to ***correct*** your FAFSA and invite your parent(s) as contributors. Paying for your own rent and groceries does not, without other exacerbating circumstances, typically mean you qualify as self-supporting or at risk of homelessness.

Additional verification documents may also be requested.

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-Vento Homelessness Act, a director of a program funded under Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, or by a financial aid administrator. This verification **must be printed on letterhead and submitted to our office with this form.**

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