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Suffolk University

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2025 – 2026 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Determination

You indicated on your 2025-2026 FAFSA that you are an Unaccompanied Homeless Youth. In order to verify this, please complete the following form, **attaching any necessary documentation**, and return it to our office.

Student's Name _____ **Student UID** _____
(e.g. UID009999999)

McKinney – Vento definition:

- Unaccompanied: not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian
- Homeless: lacking fixed, regular and adequate primary nighttime residence
- Youth: applicants who are under the age of 24 and are unaccompanied and homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless, can qualify for a homeless youth determination
 - Self-supporting: pays all living expenses, including fixed, regular, and adequate housing
 - At risk of being homeless: student's housing may cease to be fixed, regular, and adequate

Check one of the following options and provide the information requested:

- Option 1:** Attach official documentation verifying homelessness or risk of homelessness from one of the following:
 - Director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness
 - The student's high school or school district homeless liaison or designee
 - Director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant
 - Financial aid administrator (FAA)

Please note: Documentation from sources listed above must be dated on or after July 1, 2024.

- Option 2:** If you cannot obtain documentation from one of the above listed individuals, submit the following:
 - Attach a separate statement summarizing your unusual circumstances that result in your being self-supporting, how you support yourself and your housing situation.

Please note: a Financial Aid Administrator may request a follow-up conversation before a determination is made. You will be contacted directly if this is necessary.

- Option 3:** If you do not qualify as an unaccompanied homeless youth, or youth at risk of homelessness – you must:
 - Correct the information on your FAFSA and provide your parent(s) financial information.
 - You and at least one parent must sign the FAFSA with your FSA ID and submit it for processing.

By signing this worksheet, I certify that all the information reported to qualify for federal student aid is complete and correct.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

A "wet signature" is required, electronic signature will not be accepted.