Determination of Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

Student Name: ________________________________  UIN: ___________________________

The 2015-2016 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, 2014 that they were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of being homeless. **If your determination was made prior to July 1, 2014, please complete Section II, Unaccompanied Youth Update.**

Section I
This letter is to confirm that _________________________________________________________ was:

(Please check one)

☐ An unaccompanied homeless youth **after July 1, 2014**
  o This means that, after July 1, 2014, 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, 2014**
  o This means that, after July 1, 2014, 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.

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

☐ A director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter

☐ 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.

Name: ________________________________

Signature: ________________________________  Date: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________  Phone: ________________________________

Comments: ____________________________________________________________________________________
Section II

Unaccompanied Youth Update

Student Name: __________________________________________ UIN: ___________________________

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, 2014.**

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 Scholarships & Financial Aid 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 pays for his own living expenses, including fixed, regular, and adequate housing.

Are you **self supporting?** □ YES □ NO

A student is **unaccompanied** he 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