



2020-2021 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Form

Student's Name _____ WC ID# _____

Current Mailing Address: _____

We have completed a review of your 2020 – 2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and have determined that you may meet the definition of an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or is self-supporting and at risk of begin homeless. To confirm your independent status and finalize the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth designation for 2020 – 2021, **please complete this form, attach all appropriate documentation, and return it to the Office of Student Financial Aid as soon as possible.**

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth definitions: **Homeless** means lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, parks, motels, hotels, public spaces, camping grounds, cars, abandoned buildings, or temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go. **Unaccompanied** means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent(s) or guardian(s).

Please check the appropriate status box below that best describes your circumstances for the 2020-2021 academic year:

- ☐ I answered YES to one of the three homelessness questions on the FAFSA (55 – 57) and have attached documentation from one of the following sources to authenticate this status to be true as of July 1, 2019 or after (check which source applies to you):
- ☐ A high school or school district homeless liaison (McKinney-Vento) – (question 55)
 - ☐ A director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – (question 56)
 - ☐ A director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center for transitional living program – (question 57).
- ☐ I believe that I am an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or is self-supporting and at risk of begin homeless as of July 1, 2019 but cannot supply authentication from one of the three officials listed in questions 55 – 57 on the FAFSA. I am providing a letter of explanation of my circumstances along with documentation from one of the third-party professionals listed below:
- Current/former teacher or other local school district personal
 - Counselors (high school or college as well as wellness)
 - Mental health professionals, social workers, mentors, doctors, or clergy
 - Employers
 - The National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE)
 - Third parties such as private or publicly funded homeless shelters and service providers
 - Financial aid administrators from colleges other than Washington College
 - Staff from college access programs such as TRIO (i.e. Talent Search or Upward Bound) or GEAR UP
 - Other – Please explain
- ☐ I am not homeless and do not qualify as an unaccompanied homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness. I made a mistake on my FAFSA and will take the following steps to correct my FAFSA:
- I will complete a 2020-2021 FAFSA correction – (1) Update my response to Q – 55 – 57 to NO and (2) provide parent information; and
 - I will ensure that at least one parent as well as I sign the 2020-2021 FAFSA (after adding parent information) and resubmit for processing.

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION: I CERTIFY THAT (1) I AM THE STUDENT AND (2) THE INFORMATION GIVEN TO DOCUMENT MY DEPENDENCY STATUS IS TRUE AND COMPLETE.

Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, under federal law you may be fined \$20,000, be sentenced to jail, or both.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

RETURN THIS COMPLETED AND SIGNED FORM TO:

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