

2020-2021 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHY Determination) – Office Use Only

Student's name: _____ NewSchool ID: _____

FSA-approved documentation – no further documentation or information required.

- McKinney-Vento / high school or district homeless liaison
- HUD-funded emergency shelter / transitional housing
- RHYA runaway or homeless youth basic shelter / transitional living program

FAA Determination

- Is student unaccompanied (not in the physical custody of parent or guardian)?**
- Yes No (If "Yes" continue with form. If "No" student is not UHY and is dependent.)

- Do you live with a parent? How often do you interact with them?
- Does your parent financially support you in any way – carry medical insurance, pay rent or bills?
- How long have you been on your own?
- How are you supporting yourself? (Self-supporting)

Determination made based on third party documentation included, but not limited to:

- Local school district personnel
- State homeless education coordinators
- Private or publicly funded homeless shelters and service providers
- Financial aid administrators from other colleges
- Staff from college access programs such as TRIO or GEAR UP
- College or high school counselors
- Mental health professionals, social workers, mentors, doctors, clergy

Determination made based on another school's determination within the same 2019-2020 AY:

If another school has determined UHY:

School: _____ Location: _____

Contact: _____ Phone#: _____

Definitions

At risk of being homeless—when a student's 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.

Homeless—lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing.

Self-supporting—when a student pays for his own living expenses, including fixed, regular, and adequate housing.

Unaccompanied—when a student is not living in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

Youth—a student who is younger than 24 years old.

Housing:

Fixed — stationary, permanent and not subject to change.

Regular—used on a predictable, routine, or consistent basis.

Adequate—sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in the home.

Determination made based on a documented interview (only if other documentation is not available):

Fixed (stationary, permanent, not subject to change)

- Where are you living? Is it permanent or temporary?

Regular (used on a predictable, routine or consistent basis)

- Why are you staying in your current place? How long have you been staying there?
- Do you stay in the same place every night, or move around frequently?
- Are you looking for another place to live? Do you plan to move out soon?
- Do you share the home equally, or are you a guest in the home? Do you have a key to the home?
- Could they ask you to leave if they wanted to?
- Where would you go if you couldn't stay where you are currently?

Adequate (sufficient for meeting both physical and psychological needs typically met in a home)

- How many people live in the home? How many bedrooms and bathrooms does it have?
- Are you sleeping in a bedroom, or a general living area (living room)?
- Does the home have utilities and water? Is it safe?

At-Risk (housing may cease to be fixed, regular, adequate – ex: being evicted)

- Is your current housing situation likely to end? Are you able to sustain it or are you at risk of being evicted?

Approved - Student is an Unaccompanied Homeless Youth and should have independent status

Denied - Student is not an Unaccompanied Homeless Youth and should have dependent status.

FAA Name

Manager Signature

FAA Signature

Date