

**Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification For the  
Purposes of Federal Student Financial Aid**

**Re:** Name of Student

**DOB:** x/x/xxxx

**SSN:** xxx-xx-xxxx

**Current Mailing Address of Student (if none, please list name, phone number, and mailing address of current contact):** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am providing this letter of verification as a (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 financial aid administrator: \_\_\_\_\_

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. Should you have additional questions or need more information about this student, please contact me at the number listed above.

This letter is to confirm that NAME OF STUDENT was:

Check one:

an unaccompanied homeless youth after July 1, xxxx (*put in appropriate year*)  
This means that, after July 1, xxxx NAME OF 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, xxxx.

This means that, after July 1, 2010, NAME OF 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.

Authorized Signature	Date
Print Name	Telephone Number
Title	
Agency	

**Sample Letter Supporting Independent Status of Unaccompanied Homeless College Student**

Date

Financial Aid Office

University Name

Address

City, State

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of **STUDENT NAME** (DOB: xxx-xxxx) to verify her application as independent in regard to financial aid status for the **xxxx/xxxx** school year.

I have known **STUDENT** for several years as a participant in the Title I Child In Transition/Homeless Project. The Child In Transition/Homeless Project serves children and families who live in shelters, motels, cars, doubled-up with friends or relatives and other transitional living situations including unaccompanied youth.

Beginning in **xxxx**, as a high school senior, **STUDENT** assumed independent status when her father moved out of state leaving her to secure housing and financial support for herself.

For the past year, **STUDENT** has supported herself as a student at **SCHOOL** residing in student housing year-round. While most other students returned home during school breaks, **STUDENT'S** home was the dorm. **STUDENT** has had no contact with her mother for the past several years and her whereabouts are unknown. Her father is currently living out of state and has not contributed to her support since she was in high school.

Please feel free to contact me at xxx-xxx-xxxx if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you very much for your help in securing financial aid for this deserving student.

Sincerely,

Name

Title

Program

School District/LEA Name