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2025-2026
Provisionally
Independent Form

 Name

 Student's ID Number

On the 2025-26 FAFSA you indicated that you were unaccompanied youth and either homeless or self-supporting and at the risk of being homeless. Please review the definitions below before continuing.

- Unaccompanied – means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian
- Homeless – A student is considered homeless if the student lacks fixed, regular and adequate housing. This is broader than just living “on the street.” It includes temporarily living with other people because the student had nowhere else to go; living in substandard housing (if it doesn’t meet local building codes or the utilities are turned off, it is generally not adequate); living in emergency or transitional shelters, for example, trailers provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) after disasters; or living in motels, camping grounds, cars, parks, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations or any public or private place not designed for humans to live in.
- Youth – Any student who is not yet 24 may qualify for a homeless youth determination
- Self-Supporting – When a student pays for their own living expenses, including fixed, regular and adequate housing
- 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.

If you still believe your situation warrants a review, please provide the following information:

Complete and Submit the FAFSA

If you have not done so already, complete and submit the FAFSA online at www.studentaid.gov. We cannot move forward with your request without a FAFSA on record.

Letter of Determination

Attach a letter of determination from one of the following organizations and or persons who determined you to be homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

- A director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or another program serving those who are experiencing homelessness.
- A high school or school district homeless liaison or designee.
- A director or designee of a project supported by a Federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant.
- A Financial Aid Administrator (FAA) at another institution of higher education.

If you do not have a letter of determination as requested above, provide a personal statement indicating your unusual circumstances.

Personal Statement

Please describe in detail your current living situation, including if you’re in a motel, car, campsite, shelter, or substandard housing, or temporarily staying with others due to loss of housing or economic hardship. If staying with another household, explain the reason (e.g., loss of housing, financial difficulty, safety concerns, or family conflict). Include a timeline of events, challenges, and impact on your well-being.

Signatures

All information submitted will be held in strict confidence. **Incomplete appeals will be denied.**

Student Certification

I certify that the information I have provided on this form and all accompanying documentation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to submit additional documentation to support my appeal should the Office of Financial Aid and Veteran Services make such a request. I understand that making false statements or misrepresentations could result in a reduction and/or repayment of aid. I understand that the decision of the Dependency Appeal is final and cannot be changed.

Student's Signature

Date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Provisionally Independent Status Approved

Provisionally Independent Status Denied

FAA Signature

Date