



2024-2025 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Documentation of Independent Status

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Name of Student: _____ **Student ID:** _____

I am providing this letter of documentation as (check one):

- A McKinney-Vento School District Liaison
- A director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter (list shelter name): _____
- A director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter (list shelter name): _____

As per the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (Public Law 110-84), I am authorized to document this student's living situation and determine his/her independent student status as an unaccompanied homeless youth or unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness. 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 or e-mail address listed below.

This letter is to confirm that _____ **was (check one):**

- an unaccompanied homeless youth after July 1, 2023.

This means that, after July 1, 2023, 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, 2023.

This means that, after July 1, 2023, 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 _____



Who are McKinney-Vento School District Liaisons? Under subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, every school district is required to designate a liaison for students experiencing homelessness. Homeless liaisons have several legal responsibilities under the Act, including identifying youth who meet the definition of homeless and are unaccompanied. The education subtitle of the McKinney-Vento Act is overseen by the U.S. Department of Education. [For more information.](#)

What are HUD-funded Shelters? The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers funding for homeless shelters and services under Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Act. These funds are distributed to communities through a competitive grant process. [For more information.](#)

What are RHYA-funded Shelters? The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services administers the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act programs. These programs provide funding for Basic Centers, Transitional Living Programs, and Street Outreach Programs that serve runaway and other unaccompanied homeless youth. [For more information.](#)