



2024-2025 Unaccompanied and Homeless Youth Verification

Section A – Student Information (Print clearly)

Last Name First Name M.I. Email

Instructions:

1. Complete and sign this worksheet.
2. Submit all documents together. Once reviewed, the decision is final.
3. Clearly print UIN on every page of 8 ½ x 11 legible copies of supporting documentation.

Section B – Unaccompanied and Homeless Youth Verification

When completing the 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you answered YES to question 6 that asks, “At any time on or after July 1, 2023, was the student unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?” Check the appropriate letter below (A-E) that lists the entity that made the determination. You will need to submit the required documentation listed. **If you cannot provide the documentation outlined on this form, you are likely to be considered dependent for financial aid purposes. Upon review of this form and accompanying documentation, your financial aid will be reviewed. You will be notified if it is determined that you need to make corrections to your 2024-2025 FAFSA.**

- _____ A. Director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness. **Documentation required:** *Photocopy of a signed letter on official letterhead from a director of a qualifying shelter or program certifying homeless or at-risk status.*
- _____ B. The student’s high school or school district homeless liaison or designee. **Documentation required:** *Photocopy of a signed letter on official letterhead from a school district liaison certifying homeless or at-risk status. Established UIC students cannot submit a high school letter.*
- _____ C. Director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant. **Documentation required:** *Photocopy of a signed letter on official letterhead from a homelessness liason certifying homeless or at-risk status.*
- _____ D. A Financial Aid Administrator at another institution who documented your circumstance in the same or a prior award year. **Documentation required:** *Photocopy of a signed letter on official letterhead from a Financial Aid Administrator certifying homeless or at-risk status.*
- _____ E. None of the options in letters A-D apply. **Documentation required:** *1. A typed letter explaining your situation as homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, 2. Three signed letters (on agency letterhead) from professionals (i.e. high school counselors, therapist, clergy, police) verifying your situation, AND 3. Supporting documentation (i.e. court papers, police reports, records from social services agencies) verifying your situation as described in the typed letter.*

Section C – Statement of Certification

IMPORTANT: Return this form to Student Financial Aid and Scholarships. When submitting documentation:


1. Clearly print UIN on every page of 8 ½ x 11 legible copies.
2. Include signatures.

I certify that the information provided on this form and any attachments are true and correct.

Student’s Signature

Date

****NOTE: Signatures cannot be typed or stamped. They must be a signature.****

ENTER YOUR 9-DIGIT UIN 

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