



2026-2027 Unaccompanied and Homeless Youth Verification

Section A – Student Information (Please Print Clearly)

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	UIN
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Section B – Unaccompanied and Homeless Youth Verification

When completing the 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you answered YES to question 6 that asks, “At any time on or after July 1, 2025, 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 reviewing 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 2026-2027 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 liaison 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

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.

Section D – Submission Instructions

What you should do:

1. Complete this entire worksheet. Answer all questions and SIGN the form.
2. Submit ALL documents at the same time.
3. Upload this form and all required documents on the UIC Portal.
 - a. Login to the UIC Portal at <https://my.UIC.edu>
 - b. Click on the “Student” tab
 - c. Click on “Financial Aid Menu”
 - d. You should then be on the Financial Aid “Home” tab
 - e. Choose the 2026-2027 Award Year
 - f. Under Unsatisfied Requirements, click “Choose File”

For additional upload instructions, please visit https://docs.financialaid.uic.edu/docs/PDF_upload_guide.pdf.