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Complete, sign, and return form to:
Office of Financial Aid
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Student's Name _____ Student ID# A

We have completed the initial review of your 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). We now need to verify that you meet the criteria to be considered an unaccompanied homeless youth and are therefore an independent student. Please complete this form, attach the appropriate documentation, and return it to the Office of Financial Aid as soon as possible. PROCESSING OF YOUR AID HAS STOPPED UNTIL THIS FORM AND ALL DOCUMENTS ARE RETURNED.

Homeless means lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels, or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you had nowhere else to go. **Unaccompanied** means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent(s) or guardian(s). **Youth** means you are 21 years of age or younger or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you sign your FAFSA.

ATTACH *documentation from one of the following (see reverse side for more information):*

- A McKinney-Vento School District Liaison.
- A director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter.
- A director or designee of an RHYA-funded shelter.

To confirm your status as one of the following:

— **you are an unaccompanied homeless youth, or**

This means that, after July 1, 2016, you are living in a homeless situation, as defined by Section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Act, and are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

— **you are an unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness.**

This means that, after July 1, 2016, you are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, you provide for your own living expenses entirely on your own, and are at risk of losing your housing.

Current mailing address (if none, please list name, phone number, and mailing address of current contact):

IF you cannot obtain documentation from one of the above officials:

ATTACH a letter explaining your situation if you have other circumstances that qualify you as an unaccompanied homeless youth or are at risk of homelessness and are not able to get documentation from one of the above officials. The National Center for Homeless Education—(1-800-308-2145) or homeless@serve.org—also is available if you have questions.

I am **not** homeless and do not qualify as an unaccompanied homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness. Directions to correct your FAFSA as you have indicated you are not homeless or at risk:

- You must make a 2017-18 FAFSA correction by providing financial information of your parent(s).
- You and one parent must sign your 2017-18 FAFSA (after adding parent information) and resubmit it for processing.

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION: I CERTIFY THAT (1) I AM THE STUDENT AND (2) THE INFORMATION GIVEN TO DOCUMENT MY DEPENDENCY STATUS IS TRUE AND COMPLETE

(Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, under federal law you may be fined \$20,000, be sentenced to jail, or both.)

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOMELESS AND UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH

Who are Unaccompanied Homeless Youth?

Unaccompanied homeless children are young individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence who typically are not in the care of a parent or guardian. These young individuals may have run away from home or been forced to leave by their parents. Unaccompanied youth live in a variety of temporary situations, including shelters; the homes of friends or relatives (sharing the housing of other persons); or motels, hotels, trailer parks, camping grounds, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, or bus or train stations. Unaccompanied youth do not receive financial support from their parent(s) and do not have access to parental information. For more information, visit: center.serve.org/nche. Helpful hotlines: visit center.serve.org/nche/helpline.php.

Who are McKinney-Vento School District Liaisons?

Under subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, every school district is required to appoint a liaison who serves as one of the primary contacts between homeless families and school staff, district personnel, shelter workers, and other service providers. The liaison coordinates services to ensure that homeless children and youth enroll in school and have the opportunity to succeed academically. Liaisons have a number of legal responsibilities under the Act, including identifying youth who meet the definition of homeless and unaccompanied. The education subtitle of the McKinney-Vento Act is overseen by the U.S. Department of Education. For more information, visit:

— center.serve.org/nche/legis/MV.php

— (Indiana): doe.in.gov/student-services/mckinney-vento-homeless

— www2.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html

What are HUD-funded Shelters?

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or 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, visit: hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/resources-for-homeless-youth/.

What Resources Exist for Runaway and Homeless Youth?

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services administers several Runaway and Homeless Youth Act programs. These programs provide comprehensive services for youth and their families in at-risk situations that include positive alternatives for youth, ensure their safety, and maximize their potential to take advantage of available opportunities. Services include the Basic Center Programs, Transitional Living Programs, Maternity Group Home Programs for Pregnant and Parenting Youth, and Street Outreach Programs that serve runaway and other unaccompanied homeless youth. For more information, visit: acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/programs/runaway-homeless-youth.