



2021-2022 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification

Student's Name _____

Student's Social Security Number ____/____/____

Student's Address _____

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

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

This letter is to confirm that _____(Name of student) was (check one):

- An unaccompanied homeless youth on or after July 1, 2020.
This means that, on or after July 1, 2020, this 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 on or after July 1, 2020.
This means that, on or after July 1, 2020, this 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.

As per the College Reduction and Access Act (Public Law 110-84), I am authorized to verify this student's living situation. No further verification by the Financial Aid Office is necessary. Should you have additional questions or need more information about this student, please contact me:

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Signature _____

Students can print, complete, and return by uploading to <https://financialaid.statetechmo.edu/NetPartnerStudent> using your State Tech Student Email information under the *Missing Items & Messages* page. You must upload a PDF or JPEG file with a file size of 25MB or less.

Third party officials may submit the completed form to the Financial Aid Office via mail or email:
State Technical College of Missouri financialaid@statetechmo.edu
One Technology Drive
Linn, MO 65051

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH

Who are Unaccompanied Homeless Youth? Unaccompanied homeless youth are young people who lack safe, stable housing and who are not in the care of a parent or guardian. They 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, cars, campgrounds, public parks, abandoned buildings, motels, and bus or train stations. Generally, youth leave home due to severe dysfunction in their families, including circumstances that put their safety and well-being at risk. Unaccompanied youth do not receive financial support from their parents and do not have access to parental information.

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 a number of 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.

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.

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, the Street Outreach Programs that serve runaway and other unaccompanied homeless youth.