

2011-2012 HOMELESS VERIFICATION FORM
Grambling State University
Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships

Name: _____

G#: _____

SSN: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

For the purpose of federal financial aid, federal guidelines permit financial aid administrators to determine that a student is a homeless unaccompanied youth, self-supporting or at risk for homelessness. This form is intended to verify the student's status as reported on the 2011/12 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A student who reported being homeless or at risk of being homeless must submit the following documentation.

- A detailed letter of appeal stating your situation (provide only if you cannot obtain a letter of verification from one of the agencies listed below).
- Submit one original letters of verification from either a:*
 - A McKinney-Vento School District Liaison
 - A Director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter
 - A Director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter
- A completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file.

*The verification letter is attached.

I certify that this information is true and complete. I understand that failure to provide the above supporting documentation will affect my status to receive federal financial aid. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

Student's signature

Date

Homeless Verification Letter

Name of Student: _____ Date of Birth: _____

G#: _____

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

I am providing this letter of verification as a (list name phone number, and other contact information):
Please 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 _____

As per the College Cost 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 Administrator is necessary. Should you have additional questions or need more information about this student, please contact me at the number listed above.

This letter is to confirm that _____ was:

Name of Student

Please check one:

_____ An unaccompanied homeless youth after July 1, 2010
This means that, after July 1, 2010, _____ was living in a
Name of Student
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, 2010
This means, that after July 1, 2010, _____ was not in the
Name of Student
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

Frequently Asked Questions

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. Unfortunately, physical and sexual abuse in the home is common. Unaccompanied youth do not receive financial support from their parents and do not have access to parental information.

Who are School District Liaisons?

Every school district is required to designate a liaison for students experiencing homelessness. Homeless liaisons have a number of legal responsibilities, including identifying youth who meet the definition of homeless and are unaccompanied. For more information see:

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/legislation.html>

What are HUD-funded Shelters?

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers funding for homeless shelters and services. These funds are distributed to communities through a competitive grant process. For more information see:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/index.cfm>

What are Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (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 see:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/content/youthdivision/index.htm#sub1>