



Office of Financial Aid  
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## Unaccompanied Youth and Homeless Verification Form

<b>Last Name:</b>
<b>First Name:</b>
<b>Student Identification Number: A</b>

You indicated on the FAFSA that you were an **unaccompanied youth** that was **homeless**, or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless, at any time on or after July 1, 2009.

- **"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 or guardian.
- **"Youth"** means you are 21 years of age or younger or you were still enrolled in high school as of the day you signed your FAFSA application.

### **Please complete the following 3 steps and submit to the Financial Aid Office.**

#### 1. HOMELESS DETERMINATION

Please review the following questions and indicate at least one source that has determined you as homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless:

- At any time on or after July 1, 2009, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? **Yes**  **No**
- At any time on or after July 1, 2009, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? **Yes**  **No**
- At any time on or after July 1, 2009, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? **Yes**  **No**

Please Turn Over to Sign & Complete

## 2. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Please provide a copy of your determination from the source indicated above, as well as any other documentation, and attach to this form.

If you do not have a determination but you believe you are an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or an unaccompanied youth providing your own living expenses who is at risk of being homeless, contact your high school counselor, your school district McKinney-Vento homeless liaison, the Dutchess Community College Office of Financial Aid, or the National Center for Homeless Education at 1-800-308-2145 for assistance. More information and a template homelessness determination form are also available at [www.naehcy.org/dl/uy\\_higher\\_ed.doc](http://www.naehcy.org/dl/uy_higher_ed.doc).

## 3. SIGN AND DATE

I certify that all information reported on this form and any attachments is true, complete and accurate.

False statements or representations will be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of financial aid.

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Signature (Student) Date

### **RETURN TO:**

Dutchess Community College  
OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID  
53 Pendell Road  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601-1595  
FAX: (845) 431-8603

### **For Your Information**

**Who are McKinney-Vento School District Liaisons?** Under Title VII, subtitle 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. 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 under Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Act. 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 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>