



Aid Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Homeless Youth Determination**  
Office of Student Financial Aid | Florida Atlantic University  
**FORM: UHYDET**

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Student Name

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Student Z Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
FAU Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

**A student is considered homeless if they lack fixed, regular, and adequate housing. This is broader than just living “on the street.” It includes but is not limited to:**

- Youth sharing housing with other people temporarily because they had nowhere else to go;
- Youth living in emergency or transitional shelters, for example, trailers provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency after disasters.
- Youth living in motels, campgrounds, cars, parks, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations, substandard housing, or any public or private place not designed for humans to live in;
- Youth living in the school dormitory if they would otherwise be homeless; and
- Youth who are migrants and who qualify as experiencing homelessness because they are living in circumstances described above.

The Financial Aid Office will review the eligible authority’s documented determination or make its own determination that the student was an unaccompanied homeless youth, or at risk of being homeless, at any time on or after July 1<sup>st</sup> of the FAFSA base year (e.g., July 1, 2022, for the 2023-2024 FAFSA form). A student who is not yet 24 may qualify for a homeless youth determination. Homeless youth determinations are made on a case-by-case basis and without regard to the reasons that the student is unaccompanied and/or homeless. **If you are an unaccompanied homeless youth and would like to request a determination, select which of the following applies:**

- ☐ **YES**, I have documentation from one the following entities which can be provided from a documented phone call, written statement, or verifiable electronic match:
- A local educational agency homeless liaison, as designated by the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act* (42 U.S.C. 11432(g)(1)(J)(ii)), or a designee of the liaison;
  - The director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving individuals who are experiencing homelessness;
  - The director or designee of a program funded under subtitle B of title IV of McKinney-Vento (relating to emergency shelter grants) (42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq.);
  - The director or designee of a Federal TRIO program or a Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate program (GEAR UP) grant; or
  - A financial aid administrator (FAA) at another institution who documented the student’s circumstance in the same or a prior award year.
- ☐ **NO**, I do not have documentation from one of the entities above to verify unaccompanied homeless youth status.

I will be contacted by my Financial Aid counselor for additional information. The Financial Aid Office may make a determination based on other information available through resources or services provided by FAU.

I hereby certify that all information contained in this request for a homeless youth determination is true and complete. I understand that by submitting this request I am only requesting for a change of dependency status to be considered, that I am not guaranteed approval nor am I guaranteed to receive additional funding. I understand that a decision is final and cannot be appealed to the Department of Education.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have not yet completed and filed your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), please complete the FAFSA prior to submitting this appeal.**