



OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID 2026-2027 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Documentation

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Based on the information you provided on the 2026-2027 FAFSA, the Financial Aid Office is requesting documentation to verify your unaccompanied homeless youth status. Please complete this form and return it with all required documentation to the Financial Aid Office. A student is considered an independent student if he/she can document at any time on or after July 1, 2026 that he/she was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or an unaccompanied youth providing his/her own living expenses and at risk of being homeless.

Homeless means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing.

Unaccompanied means not living in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

At risk of being homeless is when a student’s housing may cease to be fixed, regular, and adequate, for example, a student who is being evicted or has been asked to leave their current residence and has been unable to find fixed, regular, and adequate housing.

Below is a list of acceptable agents that can verify with documentation your status as an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of homelessness.

- 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.

TO RETURN THIS FORM: Students may upload all forms and documents in their Financial Aid Portal. You may also submit this form via email at financialaid@zanestate.edu, or Mail to: Financial Aid Office, Zane State College, 1555 Newark Road, Zanesville, OH 43701

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____ Documentation is acceptable.

____ Documentation is not acceptable.

____ Interview confirms Independent status

____ Interview does not confirm independent status

Reviewed by: