



# 2014-2015 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification

**Mail:** Financial Aid Office  
Eastern Wyoming College  
3200 West C Street  
Torrington, WY 82240  
**Fax:** 307-532-8222

On your FAFSA you answered “Yes” that you received a determination on or after July 1, 2013, that you were either an unaccompanied youth who was homeless ~OR~ at risk of being homeless. You may be eligible for additional educational services through Title X, Part C, Federal McKinney-Vento Assistance Act. Eligibility can be determined by completing this questionnaire. Additional information is included in this letter.

## STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	EWC Student ID Number
Address (include apartment number)		Social Security Number (last four digits)	
City, ST, Zip		Phone Number (include area code)	

## HOUSING INFORMATION

Please check the appropriate response below and follow instructions given.

- I rent/own my own home.**  
If you rent/own your own home, STOP here. Sign at the bottom of this form and turn in to EWC’s Financial Aid Office.
- I do NOT rent/own my own home.**  
Please describe your living arrangements (where do you live, with whom do you live) below and have a designated official complete the back side of this form. Attach a separate page if you need more room for your explanation.

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## FAMILY INFORMATION

- List the people in your household, including:
- Yourself and others in your household.
  - Your parent(s) and stepparents, even if you do NOT live with them, if they provide you with **ANY** support (i.e. medical/auto insurance, car payment, cell phone bill, allowance, educational expenses, rent, etc.).

Full name of household member	Age	Relationship to student	College attending/employer
		Self	EWC

## CERTIFICATIONS AND SIGNATURES

**The undersigned certifies that the above information provided is accurate.**

Print Student Name	Signature	Date
Print Parent/Guardian Name/Adult Caring for Student	Signature	Date

**WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.**

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## *For the Purposes of Federal Financial Aid*

### **This form is to be completed by a designated official**

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 (*shelter name*): \_\_\_\_\_
- A director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter (*shelter name*): \_\_\_\_\_

This letter is to confirm that \_\_\_\_\_ was:  
*Print student name*

- **an unaccompanied homeless youth after July 1, 2013.**  
*After July 1, 2013, the student listed above 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 after July 1, 2013.**  
*After July 1, 2013, the student listed above 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 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 below.

Authorized Signature	Date
Print Name	Telephone Number
Title	
Agency	

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### **School Use Only**

\_\_\_ **Approved**

\_\_\_ **Denied**

\_\_\_ **Requested Additional Information:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print School Contact

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Return completed form to:**

**Eastern Wyoming College**  
Financial Aid Office  
3200 West C Street  
Torrington, WY 82240  
(307) 532-8224 or 1-866-327-8996 Ext 8224  
Fax: (307) 532-8222

# Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Fact Sheet

Beginning with the 2009-2010 academic year, the definition of an “independent student” was expanded to include any applicant who had been **verified during the school year in which the application is submitted as either:**

- An unaccompanied youth who is a homeless child or youth, as such terms are defined in section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; or
- An unaccompanied youth who is at risk of homelessness **and** is also self-supporting.

## Verification Requirements

Students who apply for assistance as an unaccompanied youth who is a homeless child or youth, as such terms are defined in section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act should be able to provide documentation of their status from a McKinney-Vento School District Liaison, a director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter, or a director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter.

## Critical Definitions

- **McKinney-Vento and CCRAA Definition of Homelessness:** Children who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence which includes
  - Living in shelters, motels, cars, OR
  - Temporarily living with other people because the applicant had nowhere else to go.The education subtitle of the McKinney-Vento Act is overseen by the U.S. Department of Education. For more information, see: [ed.gov/programs/homeless/legislation.html](http://ed.gov/programs/homeless/legislation.html)
- **Unaccompanied 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. “Youth” means that the applicant (student) is 21 years of age or younger OR that the applicant is still enrolled in high school as of the day he/she completes the FAFSA. Applicants between the ages of 21-24 who otherwise meet all other criteria, should contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.
- **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. A local educational agency (LEA) homeless liaison, designated pursuant to 722(g)(1)(J)(ii) of the **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act**; To find local liaisons: contact the Office State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth. See: [serve.org/nche/states/state\\_resources.php](http://serve.org/nche/states/state_resources.php).
- **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: [hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/index.cfm](http://hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/index.cfm)
- **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: [acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/content/youthdivision/index.htm#sub1](http://acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/content/youthdivision/index.htm#sub1)
  - The director or a designee of the director of a program funded by the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act. To find Runaway and Homeless Youth Act service providers go to: [acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/content/youthdivision/programs/locate.htm](http://acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/content/youthdivision/programs/locate.htm)