



Verification of Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

The Maryland Tuition Waiver for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth is available to unaccompanied homeless. The tuition waiver only applies to tuition and fees. To be eligible for the Maryland Tuition Waiver for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth, a youth must:

- Be declared as an unaccompanied homeless youth who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian and
- Be a homeless child or youth as defined by the **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act**.

Renewing the Waiver: You must self-certify each Academic Year that you are eligible for the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Waiver by presenting this completed Waiver at the time you register for courses. You must file the FAFSA each year to receive the waiver for up to an additional nine years or until your Bachelor's degree is awarded, whichever occurs first.

Student Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

Please check the question that matches your situation:

- At any time during the past 24 months, did your high school district homelessness liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
- At any time during the past 24 months, 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?
- At any time during the past 24 months, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center of transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

(Typed or electronic signatures are not permitted)

Liaison/Director/Designee Section

Please complete the information below to verify this student's homelessness status. I am providing this letter of verification as a:

(Check one)

- McKinney-Vento School District Liaison
- Director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter
- Director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter
- School Social Worker
- School Guidance Counselor
- Direct or designee of an outreach program for economically disadvantaged youth
- Director or designee of early awareness and undergraduate readiness programs

Per the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (Public Law 110-84), I am authorized to verify this student's living situation and I am confirming that the student listed above is or was: (Check one)

- An unaccompanied homeless youth during the past 24 months. S/he was living in a homeless situation, as defined by Section 72 of the McKinney-Vento Act, and was not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.
- An unaccompanied at any time during the past 24 months. S/he was not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, provides for his/her own living expenses entirely on his/her own, and was at risk of losing his/her housing.

Return completed Waiver to:

Laura Shahan, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Chesapeake College

Submit this form directly to the Chesapeake College Financial Aid Office via our secure upload link

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FAFSA Filing Date: _____ Eligible for Waiver: Yes No Waiver Applied: Yes No Fiscal Year: _____

Chesapeake College Official Name: _____ Date: _____

Chesapeake College Official Signature: _____ Title: _____