



## 2025-2026 Homeless Affirmation Form

On your **2025-2026** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated that you are, or were at one point after July 1, 2024, an unaccompanied youth who is homeless, or self-supporting and at-risk of homelessness. You may, therefore, qualify as an independent student. Please complete this form and submit appropriate documentation. You may submit your document in-person, email, fax or by mail to NSU Office of Student Financial Aid.

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**Student Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student CWID/SID**

For Financial Aid Purposes:

- **Unaccompanied** means that you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.
- **Homeless** means lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing (e.g. living in a shelter, hotel or car, or temporarily living with other people because you, the student, had nowhere else to go).
- **Self-supporting** means paying for all of your own living expenses, including fixed, regular and adequate housing without the assistance of your parent or guardian.

**Please check to indicate any of the following - was your status determined by:**

**A.** Your high school counselor or school district homeless liaison?

- \_\_\_\_ Yes. If yes, **submit** appropriate documentation as described below.  
\_\_\_\_ No. Please continue with this form.

**B.** The director of an emergency shelter program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development or the director of a runaway, homeless youth basic center, or transitional living program?

- \_\_\_\_ Yes. If yes, **submit** appropriate documentation as described below.  
\_\_\_\_ No. Please continue with this form.

**C.** The director of a federal TRIO program?

- \_\_\_\_ Yes. If yes, **submit** appropriate documentation as described below.  
\_\_\_\_ No. Please continue with this form.

**D.** A Financial Aid Administrator (FAA) from Northwestern or another institution?

- \_\_\_\_ Yes. If yes, **submit** appropriate documentation as described below.  
\_\_\_\_ No. Please continue with this form.

**E.** Other:

\_\_\_\_ I do not have any of the above listed documents. I understand that I must meet with my Financial Aid Advisor to review my circumstances and determine if I may be considered an independent student on the 2025-2026 FAFSA.

**NOTE: *\*\*If you indicated the homeless status in error, or if you do not meet the requirements to be considered independent, you will be required to correct your 2025-2026 FAFSA and invite your parent(s) as contributors. \*\****

### **Required Appropriate Documentation Includes:**

Verification letter of your status from your local high school counselor, educational homeless liaison, director of an emergency shelter grant program under McKinney-Vento Homelessness Act, a director of a program funded under Runaway and Homeless Youth Act/TRIO or by a financial aid administrator. This verification **must be printed on letterhead and submitted to the Office of Student Financial Aid along with this completed form. Additional Verification Documents May Also Be Requested.**

Certification: I certify that the information provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide proof of the information that I have given on this form if asked by the Office of Student Financial Aid.

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**Handwritten Student Signature Only**

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**Date**