



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.

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.

Handwritten Student Signature Only

Date