



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
EASTERN SHORE

Fax: (410) 651-7670

Phone: (410) 651-6172

EMAIL: financialaid@umes.edu

University of Maryland Eastern Shore 2026-2027 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification Form

Students Name _____

UMES ID _____

Homeless – you are lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels, or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you had nowhere else to go. Also, if you are living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent, you may be considered homeless even if your parent would provide support and a place to live.

Unaccompanied - you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

Youth - you are 21 years of age or younger or still enrolled in high school as of the day you sign your FAFSA. If you are under 24, unaccompanied and homeless or at risk of homelessness you may still qualify for a homeless youth determination.

At any time on or after July 1, 2025:

Did your high school <i>Homelessness Liaison</i> determine that you were an unaccompanied homeless youth?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the <i>U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development</i> determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

ATTACH Documentation Verifying Homelessness or Risk of Homelessness

Attach documentation from one of the following:

- A McKinney-Vento School District Liaison
- A director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter
- A director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter

The documentation must confirm:

- **You are an unaccompanied homeless youth** if at any time on or after July 1, 2025, you are living in a homeless situation as defined by Section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and you are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.
- **You are an unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness** if at any time on or after July 1, 2025, you are not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian, you provide for your own living expenses entirely, and you are at risk of losing your housing.

ATTACH an explanation letter if you cannot obtain a letter from one of the above

Attach a letter explaining your situation, if you have other circumstances that qualify you as an unaccompanied homeless youth or you are at risk of homelessness and you are not able to get documentation from one of the above-named officials. If you have questions, you may contact the National Center for Homeless Education, 800-308-2145 or homeless@serve.org.

Attach a letter from a third party, which verifies your explanation statement. If you have trouble obtaining this documentation, please indicate this in your letter.

If you checked the question in error and are not homeless, you must provide parental information on the FAFSA.

Also, you and one parent must sign the FAFSA and submit the corrected information to the federal processor.

Student Signature

Date