Valparaiso University

2014-2015 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification

Office of Financial Aid

Name of Student: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Valpo ID #_____

Current mailing address of student: _____
(If none, please list name, phone number,
and mailing address of current contact): _____

This letter is to confirm that the above student was:

Check one:

☐ An unaccompanied homeless youth after July 1, 2013

This means that, after July 1, 2013, the above student 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

This means that, after July 1, 2013, the above student 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.

I am providing this letter of verification as (check one, then list name, phone number, and other contact information):

☐ a McKinney-Vento School District Liaison.

☐ a director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter.

☐ a director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter.

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Address_____

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As per the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (Public Law 110-84), I am authorized to verify this student's living situation. Should you have additional questions or need more information about this student, please contact me at the number listed above.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return completed form to:
Kretzmann Hall - Office of Financial Aid
Valparaiso University
1700 Chapel Drive
Valparaiso, Indiana 46383
Fax: 219-464-5012 Email: finaid@valpo.edu

More information about Homeless and Unaccompanied Youth

Who are Unaccompanied Homeless 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. Unaccompanied youth do not receive financial support from their parents and do not have access to parental information.

Who are 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. The education subtitle of the McKinney-Vento Act is overseen by the U.S. Department of Education.
For more information, see: http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/legislation.html

What are 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: http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/index.cfm

What are 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: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/content/youthdivision/index.htm#sub1