**2324 UHY Determination – Office Use Only**

(Including interview document if applicable)

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| Student’s name: |  | Student ID: |  |

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|  | **FSA-approved documentation – no further documentation or information required.** | | | | | | | | |  | **2023-24 FSA Handbook**  [**AVG Ch 5**](https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/fsa-handbook/2023-2024/application-and-verification-guide/ch5-special-cases#pid_1316403) |
|  |  | McKinney-Vento / high school or district homeless liaison | | | | | | | |  | **Homeless Youth Definitions** |
|  |  | HUD-funded emergency shelter / transitional housing | | | | | | | |  | **At risk of being homeless—**when a student’s housing may cease to be fixed, regular, and adequate, for example, a student who is being evicted and has been unable to find fixed, regular, and adequate housing.  **Homeless—**lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing.  **Self-supporting—**when a student pays for his own living expenses, including fixed, regular, and adequate housing.  **Unaccompanied—**when a student is not living in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.  **Housing:**  **Fixed** — stationary, permanent and not subject to change.  **Regular—**used on a predictable, routine, or consistent basis.  **Adequate—**sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in the home. |
|  |  | RHYA runaway or homeless youth basic shelter / transitional living program | | | | | | | |  |
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|  | **FAA Determination** | | | | | | | | |  |
|  |  | **Is student unaccompanied (not in the physical custody of parent or guardian)?** | | | | | | | |  |
|  |  | Yes  No (If “Yes” continue with form. If “No” student is not UHY and is dependent.) | | | | | | | |  |
|  |  | * Do you live with a parent? How often do you interact with them? * Does parent financially support you in any way – carry medical insurance, pay rent or bills? * How long have you been on your own? * How are you supporting yourself? (Self-supporting) | | | | | | |  | |
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|  |  | **UHY determination may be made based on third party documentation such as (not complete list):** | | | | | | |  | |
|  |  | * Local school district personnel * State homeless education coordinators * Private or publicly funded homeless shelters and service providers * Financial aid administrators from other colleges * Staff from college access programs such as TRIO or GEAR UP * College or high school counselors * Mental health professionals, social workers, mentors, doctors, clergy | | | | | | |  | |
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|  |  | **UHY determination may be made based on another school’s determination of UHY within same AY:** | | | | | | |  | |  |
|  |  | If another school has determined UHY: | | | | | | |  | |  |
|  |  | School: |  | |  | | Location: |  |  | |  |
|  |  | Contact: |  | |  | | Aid Year: |  |  | |  |
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|  |  | **UHY determination may be made based on a documented interview if other documentation isn’t available:** |
|  |  | Fixed (stationary, permanent, not subject to change)   * Where are you living? Is it permanent or temporary?   Regular (used on a predictable, routine or consistent basis)   * Why are you staying in your current place? How long have you been staying there? * Do you stay in the same place every night, or move around a lot? * Are you looking for another place to live? Do you plan to move out soon? * Do you share the home equally, or are you like a guest in the home? Do you have a key to the place? * Could they ask you to leave if they wanted to? * Where would you go if you couldn’t stay where you are (or in the dorm)?   Adequate (sufficient for meeting both physical and psychological needs typically met in a home)   * How many people live in the home? How many bedrooms and bathrooms does it have? * Are you sleeping in a bedroom, or a public area like a dining room? * Does the home have utilities and water? Is it safe?   At-Risk (housing may cease to be fixed, regular, adequate – ex: being evicted)   * Is your current housing situation likely to end? Are you able to sustain it or are you at risk of being evicted? |
|  | [faa-uhy-tool-2022-2023-fafsa.pdf](https://nche.ed.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/faa-tool-2022-2023.pdf) | |
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|  | Approved - Student is UHY and should have independent status | |
|  | Denied - Student is not UHY and should have dependent status. | |
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|  | If the student is self-supporting, the student’s housing is likely to cease to be fixed, regular and adequate, and the student is not under the care of a parent or guardian, he or she meets the definition and qualifies as independent. | |

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