

Student Name: _____

EOU ID: _____

The Department of Education recognizes that a homeless youth who would otherwise be considered dependent when applying for financial aid, is independent if s/he meets certain criteria. In order to verify your assertion that you should be deemed independent, you will need to provide proof that you meet the legal definition.

Housing Definitions

“Fixed” means stationary, permanent, and not subject to change.

“Regular” means used on a predictable, routine, or consistent basis.

“Adequate” means sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in the home.

Homeless Youth Definitions

“At risk of being homeless” is when a student’s housing ceases 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 is at risk of being homeless.

“Homeless” means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing. You may be homeless if you are living in shelters, parks, motels, hotels, public spaces, camping grounds, cars, abandoned buildings, or temporarily living with other people because you have 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 otherwise provide a place to live.

“Unaccompanied” means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

“Self-supporting” is when a student pays for his own living expenses, including fixed, regular and adequate housing. _____ [AVG-98](#)

Affidavit

If at any time on or after July 1, 2025 you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless, please provide one (1) of the documents listed below. The document submitted must demonstrate that you met the definitions above on or after July 1, 2025. If you *cannot* provide one of the following documents to support your claim, but still meet the definitions listed above, initial here: You will be contacted for an interview within sixty days.

1. A letter from the school district homeless liaison at your high school stating that you are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; **or**
2. A letter from the director (or designee) of an emergency shelter program funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) stating that you are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; **or**
3. The director (or designee) of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program. This agency can also determine that a student is receiving their programs’ services or that a youth is self-supporting AND at risk of being homeless.

I certify that I meet the definition as defined above, and all of the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Student signature: _____

Bring, mail or fax all documents to the financial aid office.

All submitted documents become part of your official record and therefore cannot be returned. Documents that become part of your Educational Record are protected for privacy under federal law (FERPA).

Please submit to: EOU FINANCIAL AID OFFICE, INLOW HALL # 104, ONE UNIVERSITY BLVD, LA GRANDE, OR 97850-2807

Fax: 541-962-3661; eFax: 541-962-3095; E-mail: fao@eou.edu.

Secure Document Upload: <https://static.eou.edu/share-file/financial-aid.html>

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Questions? Call 541-962-3550.