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2027-2028 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Form

On the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless at any time on or after July 1, 2026. To determine your financial aid eligibility, the Office of Student Financial Services needs additional information from you. Please complete this form and return all required documents to our office.

What is the process?
Students who may be considered unaccompanied homeless youth must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and, on the application, select "yes" to the "Student Homelessness" question in the "Personal Circumstances" section of the FAFSA. After completing the FAFSA, if requested, students must complete the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Form and return it to the Office of Student Financial Services. Students who cannot obtain documentation should contact the Office of Student Financial Services for further guidance. Once the Office of Student Financial Services receives the form and required documentation, it will be reviewed. A final determination of dependency status will be made as soon as practicable, but no later than 60 days after the student enrolls. The final determination will be emailed to the student's LMU email account. A financial aid offer will be sent to the student after the determination is made if the student meets all other eligibility requirements. Students who receive a homeless determination will be considered independent for each subsequent award year at LMU unless the student informs the Office of Student Financial Services of a change in circumstances or conflicting information regarding dependency status is found.

Please note the following definitions:
Homeless - lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing. You may be homeless if you live in shelters, parks, motels, hotels, public spaces, camping grounds, cars, abandoned buildings, or temporarily living with others 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 - you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

If you believe you are an Unaccompanied Homeless Youth – Please check one of the options below and attach the required supporting documentation.

Student Name	Date of Birth	LMU Student ID

☐ **On or after July 1, 2026, my high school or school district homeless liaison or designee determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.**

☐ Attached is documentation from a McKinney-Vento school district liaison or a designee of the liaison.

☐ **On or after July 1, 2026, the director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or was self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.**

☐ Attached is documentation from the director or designee of a program under subtitle B of title IV of McKinney-Vento.

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☐ **On or after July 1, 2026, the director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or Gear UP program grant determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or was self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.**

☐ Attached is documentation from a director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or Gear UP program grant.

☐ **On or after July 1, 2026, a financial aid administrator determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or was self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.**

☐ Attached is documentation from a financial aid administrator.

☐ **The Office of Student Financial Services at LMU determined in a prior year that I was an accompanied youth who was homeless or was self-supporting and at risk of being homeless. My situation has not changed.**

☐ **I was not determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless by any of the organizations above, but I am an unaccompanied homeless youth, or unaccompanied, at risk of homelessness, and self-supporting.**

☐ Attached are two signed and dated letters. One letter from a professional (homeless shelter provider, high school counselor, health professional, social worker, doctor, clergy member, etc.) on letterhead and the second from myself, verifying my status. (If you have difficulty obtaining documentation, please get in touch with the Office of Student Financial Services for additional guidance.)

☐ **I made an error on my FAFSA. I am not homeless or at risk of being homeless.**

☐ You and your parent MUST correct the information on your FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov.

I certify that all information reported is true, accurate, and complete. Purposely giving false or misleading information may result in fines, imprisonment, or both.

Student Signature:_____ Date:_____