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Documentation of Independent Student Status for the FAFSA Unaccompanied Youth that is Homeless

Havre Public Schools

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Date:_____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Name of Student _____ State Student ID: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone:_____

(if no address is available, please list a name, phone number and mailing address of current contact or caregiver):

This is an official document for use by an unaccompanied youth (a youth that does not live with a parent or guardian) that is homeless to prove the student is eligible for independent status for the purpose of applying for financial aid to attend college. Keep this document for your records.

This information is provided by the McKinney-Vento School District Liaison.

As per the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (Public Law 110-84), I am authorized to document this student's living situation and determine his or her independent student status as an unaccompanied homeless youth or unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness. No further verification by the Financial Aid Administrator is necessary. Should you have additional questions or need more information about this student, please contact me at the number or e-mail address listed below.

This letter is to confirm that _____ *(student name)* was **(check one):**

- ❑ **an unaccompanied homeless youth[1].**
  This means that _____ *(student name)* 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.**
  This means that _____ *(student name)* was not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, provides for his or her own living expenses entirely on his or her own, and is at risk of losing his or her housing.

Authorized Signature:	Date: (mm/dd/yyyy)
Print Name:	Phone:
Title:	
Agency:	

[1] "Youth" is defined in the 2016-2017 FAFSA notes as age 21 and under. However, per the July 29, 2015, Dear Colleague Letter issued by the U.S. Department of Education, applicants between the ages of 21 to 24 and who are unaccompanied and homeless or self-supporting and at risk of homeless qualify for a homeless youth determination, and will be considered independent.

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