W&M FINANCIAL AID

2026 - 2027 Homeless Unaccompanied Youth Determination Worksheet

Name: _____ W&M Student ID #: _____

You indicated in your 2026 – 2027 FAFSA filing that you are considered a Homeless Unaccompanied Youth. Complete the following form, attaching any necessary documentation, and return it to our office.

McKinney – Vento definitions:

- Unaccompanied: not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian
- Homeless: *lacking fixed, regular and adequate* nighttime residence. This includes shelters/transitional housing, hotels/ motels, staying with others due to loss of housing or economic hardship and unsheltered (staying in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, etc.)
- Youth: *applicants who are under the age of 24 and are unaccompanied and homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless*, can qualify for a homeless youth determination
  - Self-supporting: pays all living expenses, including fixed, regular, and adequate housing
  - At risk of being homeless: student's housing may cease to be fixed, regular, and adequate

Check one of the following circumstances and provide the information requested:

☐ Option 1: Attach documentation verifying homelessness or risk of homelessness from one of the following:

- A McKinney-Vento School District Liaison
- A director/designee of a HUD-funded shelter
- A director/designee of a RHYA-funded shelter
- A director/designee of a project supported by federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant
- Financial Aid Administrator (FAA) that has documented your circumstances in 2026 - 2027 or prior year 2025 - 2026.

Please note: Documentation from sources listed above must be dated on or after *July 1, 2025*

☐ Option 2: If you cannot obtain documentation from one of the above listed individuals, submit the following:

- Attach a separate statement summarizing your unusual circumstances that result in your being self-supporting, how you support yourself and your housing situation.

Please note: An additional conversation may be requested by a Financial Aid Administrator before a determination is made. Someone will contact you to set up a time if this is necessary.

☐ Option 3: If do not qualify as an unaccompanied homeless youth, or youth at risk of homelessness, you must:

- Correct the information on your FAFSA and provide your parent(s) financial information.
- You and at least one parent must sign the FAFSA with their FSA ID and submit it to the federal processor.

Signature and Certification

- *I certify that all of the information provided on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*
- *I understand that if I no longer meet the McKinney-Vento definition of Homeless Unaccompanied Youth, I am required to notify the Financial Aid Office.*
- *I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information, I may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.*

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Signatures must be handwritten. Computer fonts are not acceptable.

Use one of the following methods to return this form:

Online Upload (preferred): https://www.wm.edu/financialaid/box Fax: 757-221-2515 *To protect your data, we do not accept documents via e-mail attachment*	Mail: Office of Student Financial Aid William & Mary P.O. Box 8795 Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795	Office of Student Financial Aid William & Mary Blow Memorial Hall, Room 124 262 Richmond Road Williamsburg, VA 23185