



Northeastern Illinois University Financial Aid, Scholarships and Student Employment

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2026-2027 Unaccompanied Youth OR Homeless Verification Form

Student's First Name

Student's First Name	6-digit NEIU Student ID#
Student's Last Name	Phone Number

6-digit NEIU
Student ID#

Phone Number

You reported on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) either you are an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or an unaccompanied youth providing for your own living expenses who is at risk of being homeless. To determine your eligibility, the Financial Aid Office needs additional information. Please complete and submit this form with the required documentation within 7-10 business days. Include your student ID number on all documents submitted.

Note: If you were considered an unaccompanied homeless youth in previous years, please provide our office with a statement explaining your current situation.

Homeless - means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you had nowhere else to go. This includes emergency on campus housing.

Unaccompanied - means you are NOT living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

Youth – means you are 21 years of age or younger or still enrolled in high school as of the day you sign your FAFSA.



ATTACH Documentation Verifying Homelessness or Risk of Homelessness

Attach documentation from one of the following:

- A Chicago Public School District Liaison
- A director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter
- A director or designee of another homeless shelter

The documentation must confirm:

- You are an unaccompanied homeless youth - you are living in a homeless situation as defined by the Chicago Public Schools Homeless liaison and you are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.
- You are an unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness - you are not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian, you provide for your own living expenses entirely and you are at risk of losing your housing.
- If you have questions, you may contact the National Center for Homeless Education, 800-308-2145 or homeless@serve.org.



SUBMIT a Dependency Override Appeal if you cannot obtain a letter from one of the above

Attach a typewritten explanation outlining necessary separation from your parents if you have other circumstances that qualify you as an independent student, unaccompanied homeless youth, at risk of homelessness or you are not able to get documentation from one of the above named officials.



Check, if you are not homeless and will provide parental information on the FAFSA

- **CORRECT** information on your FAFSA by inviting parent(s)' to contribute information to the application AND uncheck items in FAFSA relating to homeless status



Check, if you are not homeless, are otherwise Independent and DO NOT need to provide parent information

- **CORRECT** your FAFSA by removing checked items relating to homeless status

REQUIRED SIGNATURE: I certify that all information reported is complete and correct. I understand that changes in my FAFSA financial information based on the documentation provided may result in a change in financial aid eligibility.

Student's Signature

Date