

Student Homeless Youth Documentation

You did not report information about your parents because you indicated that you are an unaccompanied youth and homeless, or an unaccompanied youth at risk of homelessness. Because of this, you are required to submit certain documents to the Financial Aid Office. If you stated on the FAFSA that you fall under one of the categories listed below, please submit the documents needed to the Financial Aid Office for a determination to be made. If the documents submitted do not prove you were eligible for that circumstance, you will be required to correct the question on the FAFSA and in most cases enter parent(s) information on the FAFSA. Please talk to the Financial Aid staff if you feel you should not enter parent(s) information on the FAFSA or submit a Student Dependency Override Form to the Financial Aid Office.

You said on the FAFSA...	Documents to submit to Financial Aid
At any time on or after July 1, 2024, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?	Required letter: Must be from the High School or School District Homeless Liaison. The letter must be on an official high school letterhead and signed by the homeless liaison.
At any time on or after July 1, 2024, did 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 determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?	Required letter: Must be from the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program. The letter must be on a shelter or program official letterhead and signed by the director or designee.
At any time on or after July 1, 2024, did the director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?	Required letter: Must be from the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program. The letter must be on a program letterhead and signed by the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program.
Are you an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?	Student Dependency Override Form, completed and approved by the Financial Aid Director at UA Cossatot. 2025-2026 Dependency Override
At any time on or after July 1, 2024, did a Financial Aid Administrator (FAA) determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?	Student Dependency Override Form, completed and approved by the Financial Aid Director at UA Cossatot. 2025-2026 Dependency Override
You have special and unusual extenuating circumstances that can be documented by your financial aid administrator.	Student Dependency Override Form, completed and approved by the Financial Aid Director at UA Cossatot. 2025-2026 Dependency Override
Do unusual circumstances prevent you from contacting your parents or would contacting your parents pose a risk to you?	Student Dependency Override Form, completed and approved by the Financial Aid Director at UA Cossatot. 2025-2026 Dependency Override