### 2016 – 2017: Proof of Independent Status Form

Name: ____________________________________________   CCBC ID: ____________________

You have indicated on your FAFSA that one of the following circumstances applies to you. Please check the category that applies to you and **ATTACH** the documentation requested.

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<td><strong>☐</strong> At any time since you turned age 13, were BOTH your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?</td>
<td>Attach a copy of legal documentation from the court of your state of legal residence. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court’s decision was issued.</td>
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<td><strong>☐</strong> Are you or were you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?</td>
<td>Attach a copy of legal documentation from the court of your state of legal residence. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court’s decision was issued. Attach documentation (school records, federal benefits, medical insurance etc.) that you were still with your legal guardian at the age of majority in your state.</td>
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<td><strong>☐</strong> Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by the court in your state of legal residence?</td>
<td>Attach a copy of legal documentation from the court of your state of legal residence. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court’s decision was issued.</td>
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<td><strong>☐</strong> At any time on or after July 1, 2015, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?</td>
<td>Please complete this form, written statement, and completed by a certifying official (page 2).</td>
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<td><strong>☐</strong> At any time on or after July 1, 2015, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?</td>
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<td><strong>☐</strong> At any time on or after July 1, 2015, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?</td>
<td>Please complete this form, written statement, and completed by a certifying official (page 2).</td>
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**Warning:** Each person signing this worksheet certifies all the information reported is complete and accurate. The student must sign and date. If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

__________________________________________________  ____________________
Student’s Signature  Date
2016 – 2017: Verification of Unaccompanied Homeless Youth – **Certifying Official use only**

Name: ______________________________________________ CCBC ID: ____________________

A written statement AND signature from one of the following official individuals is required to complete this verification. Please submit this form to the appropriate individual and return to the Financial Aid Office after completion.

I confirm, that I, the certifying official, am one of the following (check one only):

- A McKinney-Vento School District Liaison
- A Director or Designee of a HUD-funded shelter
- Director or Designee of a RHYA-funded shelter

First and last name: ________________________________________________________________

Title: ______________________________________________________________________________

Phone: ______________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________________

Signature: __________ ______________________________________________

AND that the aforementioned student was (check one):

- An unaccompanied homeless youth* on or after July 1, 2015, who 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 on or after July 1, 2015, who was not in physical custody of a parent or guardian, provides for his/her own living expenses entirely on his/her own, and is at risk of losing his/her housing.

*Youth – means a student who is 21 years or younger who is still enrolled in high school as of the day the student signed the 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**McKinney-Vento Act School District Liaisons:** Under subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, every school district is required to designate a liaison for students experiencing homelessness. Homeless liaisons have a number of legal responsibilities under the Act, including identifying youth who meet the definition of homeless and are unaccompanied. The education subtitle of the McKinney-Vento Act is overseen by the U.S. Department of Education. For more information go to: http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/legislation.html

**HUD-funded Shelters:** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers funding for homeless shelters and services under Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Act. These funds are distributed to communities through a competitive grant process. For more information go to: http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/index.cfm

**RHYA-funded Shelters:** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services administers the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act programs. These programs provide funding for Basic Centers, Transitional Living Programs, and Street Outreach Programs that serve runaway youth and other unaccompanied youth. For more information, go to: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/content/youthdivision/index.htm#sub1