

2026-2027 Homeless Youth Determination Request Form

You were not required to provide information about your parents on the FAFSA because you indicated that you are unaccompanied and homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless. Since you were not able to answer "yes" to any of the related FAFSA dependency status questions indicating that you have received an official homeless youth determination from an approved authority, **additional action is required to proceed with your financial aid application.**

If you believe that you meet the conditions of being considered homeless, you may request to have a **homeless youth determination** made for you by a financial aid administrator at Northwest University. Homeless youth determinations are made on a case-by-case basis and, if a determination is made, students may be eligible to have their status carried forward into the next academic year if their circumstances remain unchanged and they remain enrolled at Northwest University. **To request a homeless youth determination, submit this form to Student Financial Services along with documentation to support your claim of homelessness.**

Section A: Student Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ NU Student ID: _____

Section B: Status Information

At any time on or after July 1, 2025, were you an unaccompanied youth who either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless, as defined below? (check all that apply)

- ☐ **Unaccompanied** – You are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.
- ☐ **Homeless** – Lacking proper¹ housing (i.e., living in shelters, parks, motels, hotels, public spaces, camping grounds, cars, abandoned buildings, or temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go).
- ☐ **Self-supporting** – You pay for your own living expenses, including proper¹ housing.
- ☐ **At risk of being homeless** – Your housing may cease to be proper¹ housing (for example, you have been evicted and unable to find proper¹ housing).

¹Proper housing is considered fixed (stationary, permanent, and not subject to change), regular (used on a predictable, routine, or consistent basis), and adequate (sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in the home) housing.

Section C: Third Party Documentation

Do you have written documentation from a third party² that attests to you having experienced homelessness as defined above?

- ☐ **Yes** (attach and submit with form)
- ☐ **No**

²Third party documentation may include, but is not limited to, information from local school district personnel, state homeless education coordinator, homeless shelter or service provider, financial aid administrator from another college, staff from college access programs (such as TRIO or GEAR UP), college or high school counselor, mental health professional, social worker, employer, mentor, doctor, clergy, or other relevant third party. If third party documentation to support your request for a homeless youth determination is not available, a financial aid administrator at Northwest University may make a homeless youth determination based on a documented interview. To request an interview, please contact Student Financial Services at 425.889.5210 or studentfinancialservice@northwestu.edu.

Section D: Signature

By signing below, I certify that all the information reported on this form and any supporting documentation is complete and correct.

Student Signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

Financial Aid Administrator Use Only

Homeless Youth Determination Status:

- ☐ **Approved** – Unaccompanied and homeless.
- ☐ **Approved** – Unaccompanied, self-supporting, and at-risk of being homeless.
- ☐ **Denied** – Reason(s): _____

Reviewed By: _____

Date: _____

