



Office of Financial Aid

2025 - 2026 Determination of Homelessness

Federal Student Aid Programs

On your 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated that you were unaccompanied and either homeless or at risk of being homeless at some point on or after July 1, 2024. In order to meet the federal definition of being homeless for financial aid purposes, students must be **BOTH** unaccompanied **AND** lacking fixed and adequate housing. These two requirements are defined as:

- (1) **Unaccompanied** means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian and can not get in contact with them.
- (2) **Homeless** means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing. You may be homeless if you are living in shelters, parks, motels, cars, or other public places or are temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go. If you are living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive or unsafe environment, you may be considered homeless even if your parent would provide support and a place to live.

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Student's M.I.	BSU Student ID #
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Using the definitions above, please confirm your circumstances.

1. 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?
☐ Yes (If you answered "Yes", please provide a copy of the determination.)
☐ No
2. At any time on or after July 1, 2024, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
☐ Yes (If you answered "Yes", please provide a copy of the determination.)
☐ No
3. At any time on or after July 1, 2024, 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?
☐ Yes (If you answered "Yes", please provide a copy of the determination.)
☐ No
4. If you answered "No" to all the questions above, but believe you may qualify for unaccompanied homeless youth and/or at risk of being homeless please provide a written statement (sign and date) with any supporting documentation and provide to the financial aid office for review. If you prefer, you may also schedule an appointment.

PLEASE NOTE: A homeless determination **MUST NOT** be used (1) to a make an otherwise ineligible student eligible for federal aid; 2) if your parent(s) are unwilling to provide financial data or support; 3) if you are self-supporting; or, 4) if your parents do not claim you on their income tax returns, or contribute towards your educational expenses.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____