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Provisions for Individuals With Housing Insecurity or Foster Care Experience





Per the FAFSA Simplification Act and guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, new FAFSA provisions for unaccompanied homeless youth (UHY) and foster youth are in effect for the 2024-2025 FAFSA.

- 1 Homeless and foster care status does not need to be redetermined every year.
- 2 Determinations of unaccompanied homeless and foster youth status must be made as quickly as practicable.
- 3 The list of officials and programs authorized to verify that an applicant is an UHY has expanded. ([See the full list here](#)) The FAFSA Simplification Act: Youth Experiencing Homelessness and Youth with Experience in Foster Care - SchoolHouse Connection
- 4 Financial aid administrators must accept certain documents if an institution requires documentation that a student was in foster care when the student was 13 or older. ([See the full list here](#)) The FAFSA Simplification Act: Youth Experiencing Homelessness and Youth with Experience in Foster Care - SchoolHouse Connection
- 5 Financial aid administrators must make a determination of UHY for youth who cannot get determinations from other authorities.
- 6 Financial aid administrators must make UHY and foster youth determinations following the processes outlined in the law - it is not a matter of professional judgment.

For more information and resources on the FAFSA and unaccompanied homeless youth, see SchoolHouse Connection's FAFSA page at schoolhouseconnection.org/the-fafsa-simplification-act/