

2026-2027 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Determination

On the 2026–2027 FAFSA, you indicated that on or after July 1, 2025, you were either an unaccompanied homeless youth or unaccompanied, self-supporting, and at risk of homelessness. Please review the information below:

What can homelessness look like?

- Sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason.
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
- Living in emergency or transition shelters
- Living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.
- Living in a residence hall/dorm but other would have no place to go.

How does FAFSA define unaccompanied homeless youth?

Unaccompanied: when a student is not living in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

Homeless: lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing.

At risk of homelessness: when a student’s housing may cease to be fixed, regular, and adequate.

Self-supporting: when a student pays for his or her own living expenses, including fixed, regular, and adequate housing.

What can I expect?

Once your form and supporting documents are received, the Office of Financial Assistance will review your case. A final decision regarding your dependency status will be made within 60 days of enrollment. If approved, you will receive the decision and an updated financial aid award via your Clark University email.

Unless you report a change in circumstances or conflicting information is identified, you will remain classified as an independent student for future award years at Clark. Each year, our office will reach out to confirm whether there have been any changes to your situation. You must respond to this request in order to complete your financial aid application.

After reviewing the information above, is the answer on your FAFSA accurate?

Yes – please proceed to Part A.

No – please update your FAFSA to include parental information.

Part A: Documentation

STUDENT NAME:	STUDENT ID #: C70
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Current students only^

Do you have documentation from any of the following authorized entities that attests that the you have experienced homelessness as an unaccompanied youth, or was unaccompanied, self-supporting, and at risk of homelessness, any time since July 1, 2025?

If yes, please indicate which authorized entity below and PROCEED TO PART C:

- School district homeless liaisons or their designee;
- The director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving individuals who are experiencing homelessness;
- The director or a designee of a program funded under a TRIO or Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for an Undergraduate Program ("GEAR UP") grant.
- A financial aid administrator at another school.

If no, please complete Part B:

Part B: Written Statement

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1. What are your current living arrangements? How long has this arrangement taken place?

2. How do you support yourself and meeting your living expenses?

3. Do you live with anyone else? If so, what is their relationship to you?

4. If you could not stay at your current location, where would you live?

Part C: Submission

Please indicate below which documentation you will attach with your submission:

- Documentation from an authorized entity that attests that you have experienced homelessness as an unaccompanied youth, or was unaccompanied, self-supporting, and at risk of homelessness, any time since July 1, 2025
- I do not have documentation from an authorized entity, but I have completed "Part B: Written Statement" for the Office of Financial Assistance to determine my status.

By signing this worksheet, I certify that all information reported is true, accurate, and complete.

Student Signature Date

NOTE: Signatures *cannot* be typed.

SUBMISSION:	
Prospective Students	Financial Aid Portal
Current Students	CUWeb