Independent Student Status Documentation 2020-2021
Unaccompanied Youth Who Was Homeless or Self-Supporting and at Risk of Homelessness

PID ____________________________  Last Name _____________________________  First Name ______________________

INSTRUCTIONS:
Independent students applying for financial aid are required to supply documentation to the UC San Diego Financial Aid and Scholarship Office to verify independent status. Dependent students required to supply parental information on the 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application should not submit this form. **Deadline to submit documentation is 2 weeks after receiving this notification.**

I am aware that presenting documentation that I was determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of homelessness on or after July 1, 2019 is **only valid for the 2020-2021 year.** In subsequent years new documentation or an appeal will be required to re-establish independent status.

I certify that all the information provided on this form is true and correct. Any attached documents required to verify my independent status are true and exact copies of the originals.

Student Signature ___________________________________________  Date ___________________________
(print & sign - not electronic)

**INDEPENDENT CRITERIA**

Check one box for the FAFSA/DREAM criteria you have met to be considered as an independent student for 2020-2021. Attach both required items to this form and submit to the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office.

- [ ] On or after July 1, 2019, my high school or school district homeless liaison determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.
- [ ] Certification from high school/school district homeless liaison or homeless program/ living center
- [ ] Statement explaining current living situation

- [ ] On or after July 1, 2019, the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.
- [ ] On or after July 1, 2019, the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.

“Unaccompanied” means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

“Homeless” means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing. You may be homeless if you are 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. Also, if you are living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent, you may be considered homeless even if your parent would otherwise provide a place to live.

If you do not have documentation from a school homeless liaison or program/living center but do have adverse family circumstances you should complete an Appeal for Independent Student Status. This form can be found online at fas.ucsd.edu under Forms and Resources. If you don’t have an adverse family circumstance you should update your FAFSA or California Dream Application with parent’s information.

RETURN THIS FORM WITH ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO:
UC San Diego, Financial Aid and Scholarships Office, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA 92093-0013 or FAX 858-534-5459