HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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2025-2026 Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Determination

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____ Student ID _____

Date of Birth _____ Telephone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

On your 2025-2026 FAFSA, you indicated you are an unaccompanied homeless youth OR are unaccompanied, self-supporting and at risk of homelessness. Read the following definitions to determine if you fall into one of these categories.

Homeless Youth Definitions:

Unaccompanied—when a student is not living in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.
Homeless—lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing.
Self-supporting—when a student pays for their own living expenses, including fixed, regular, and adequate housing.
At risk of being homeless—when a student's housing may cease to be fixed, regular, and adequate, for example, a student who is being evicted and has been unable to secure other housing.

Housing Status Definitions: **Fixed**—stationary, permanent, and not subject to change.
Regular—used on a predictable, routine, or consistent basis.
Adequate—sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in the home.

If the above definitions do not describe your circumstances, you are considered a dependent student and you MUST include parent information on your FAFSA. If you are unable to provide parent information, contact our Financial Aid office to discuss your options.

If the above definitions DO apply to your circumstances:
Do you have documentation from any of the following authorized entities that attests that you have experienced homelessness as an unaccompanied youth, or were unaccompanied, self-supporting, and at risk of homelessness, any time since July 1, 2024? If so, provide the documentation to our office with this form.

- ☐ School district homeless liaisons or their designee;
- ☐ The director or a designee of a director 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 director 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 institution who previously made a determination.

If you do not have documentation from one of the above entities, answer the following questions.

Are you in the physical custody of your parent(s) or legal guardian(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Where are you currently residing? _____
Examples include: motel, car, campsite, shelter, staying with others temporarily

If you are living in another household, please check the reasons that apply: ☐ Economic Hardship ☐ Loss of Housing
☐ Other (unsafe to live at home, forced to leave home, other situations of abuse or conflict):_____

Are you self-supporting, meaning responsible for your own living expenses including housing? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your current housing likely to cease to be fixed, regular, and adequate? (Such as due to eviction or other loss) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Student's Handwritten Signature_____ Date_____
Digital signatures not accepted.

Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, you may be fined, sentenced to jail or both.