**Missouri State University-West Plains**

**2021-2022 PROOF OF UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH STATUS**

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**Please complete this form in blue or black ink and return it with the requested information or documentation.**

Your financial aid status as an Independent student is based solely on your answer to question(s) 55-57 of the FAFSA application regarding your status as an Unaccompanied Youth. Therefore, the Department of Education requires that you submit documentation verifying this situation. To verify your status as an Unaccompanied Youth, we will require one of the following:

* A copy of your determination from your high school or school district homeless liaison

 **\*Note: The documentation is valid only for the student’s initial financial aid year immediately following high school graduation and cannot be used as documentation for subsequent financial aid years. Contact our office if you have questions.**

* A copy of your determination from the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
* A copy of your determination from the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program

If this question was answered in error, please go back onto the FAFSA, correct the question and add your parental data.

Please let us know which way you plan to proceed. Please check the box that applies:

 I am supplying the appropriate documentation.

 I plan to correct my FAFSA and add parental data.

Please submit this documentation to our office as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information on this form, that I have appropriately attached all supporting documents, and certify that all information submitted is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submitting this form does not guarantee that my request will be granted.

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Student’s Signature Date