

Verifying Homelessness for the Tuition Waiver for Homeless Youth

To be eligible for Maryland's Tuition Waiver for Homeless Youth, you must provide verification that you experienced homelessness during the 24 months immediately preceding enrollment in college or while enrolled in college.

For the tuition waiver, homelessness is defined by the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. You can find more information about this definition of homelessness [here](#).

The following entities can verify that you meet the definition of homelessness for the tuition waiver:

- A governmental or nonprofit entity that provides services to persons experiencing homelessness;
- Certain school staff, including a counselor, social worker, or McKinney-Vento liaison for homeless students at your high school or local school district;
- A federal or state outreach and student services program designed to identify and provide services to economically disadvantaged individuals;
- A federal or state program for providing early awareness and readiness for undergraduate programs; or
- A financial aid department at the public college or university in which you seek to enroll or are enrolled.

If you cannot get written verification of homelessness from another entity listed above, the financial aid office at the college or university where you are applying can choose to verify your homelessness based on an interview or written statement from you.