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## RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS WITHOUT A HOME

Please visit [www.affordablecolleges.com](http://www.affordablecolleges.com) for a complete list of resources and information

<b>National Center for Homeless Education</b>	The NCHE is based at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and partners with parents, schools, and service providers to ensure that homeless students have access to the education and resources they need to succeed.
<b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>	HUD works with community partners across the country to secure assistance for homeless youth and adult populations. Additionally, HUD devotes resources to facilitate collaborative efforts between homeless service providers and educational systems
<b>United States Interagency Council on Homelessness</b>	USICH aims to end and prevent homelessness in unaccompanied youth under the age of 25. This council is responsible for coordinating the federal government's response to the homelessness epidemic.
<b>National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth</b>	NAEHCY works to eliminate the obstacles homeless students face while they are pursuing higher education. Its mission is to promote equity for students experiencing homelessness or housing instability.



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<a href="#">Homes for Students of Higher Education</a>	Homes for Students of Higher Education provides homeless students with care packages, shelter, and educational material to increase their awareness of the resources available in their communities.
<a href="#">CTLaw Help</a>	CTLaw Help is a network of legal professionals committed to providing free legal help to low-income citizens of Connecticut.
<a href="#">Sublet.com</a>	Sublet.com is a search engine that allows students to find and access affordable housing.

## FINANCIAL AID AND THE FAFSA

Students who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, and “unaccompanied” are eligible to receive student aid; in fact, students are asked about their living status on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). According to the [Indiana Student Financial Aid Association](#), an unaccompanied youth is a student under the age of 21 who “is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.” A student who is at risk of being homeless is “self-supporting and has been evicted [and] is unable to find fixed, regular, and adequate housing.”

In order to prove that they are unaccompanied and homeless, or at risk of being homeless, students must submit proper documentation. They can [secure this designation](#) from their high school or school district representative, the director of an emergency/transitional shelter or housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or the director of a runaway or homeless youth center. If students cannot receive a homeless youth



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determination from any of the above sources, they can still submit their FAFSA and then seek the determination from their college's financial aid administrator.

If students wish to complete a FAFSA with unaccompanied and homeless status but they are no longer a youth, they can submit the application without parental information and then request a dependency status appeal through the financial aid officer at their school.

Students interested in obtaining more information related to their [dependency status](#) can contact the Office of Federal Student Aid and/or read [FAFSA's tips for unaccompanied youth without stable housing](#).