Unaccompanied Homeless Youth
Documentation of Independent Student Status for the FAFSA

Name of Student: ________________________________________________________________

Student DOB: _____ / _____/ ________ (mm/dd/yyyy)

I am providing this letter of documentation as (check one):
□ A McKinney-Vento School District Liaison
□ A director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter (list shelter name):____________________
□ A director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter (list shelter name):____________________
□ A financial aid administrator (list institution name):_____________________________

As per the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (Public Law 110-84), I am authorized to
document this student’s living situation and determine his/her independent student status as an
unaccompanied homeless youth or unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of
homelessness. No further verification by the Financial Aid Administrator is necessary. Should
you have additional questions or need more information about this student, please contact me at
the number or e-mail address listed below.

This letter is to confirm that the above named student was (check one):
□ an unaccompanied homeless youth after July 1, 2021.
This means that, after July 1, 2021, the above named student was living in a homeless situation,
as defined by Section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Act, and was not in the physical custody of a
parent or guardian.
□ an unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness after July 1, 2021.
This means that, after July 1, 2021, the above named student was not in the physical custody of a
parent or guardian, provides for his/her own living expenses entirely on his/her own, and is at
risk of losing his/her housing.

Authorized Signature of Agency/School Official
Date

Print Name of Agency/School Official
Phone Number

Title of Agency/School Official

Agency/School

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: Financial Aid Office. College of the Ozarks, P.O.
Box 17, Point Lookout, MO 65726; email financialaid@cofo.edu;