

## Homeless Definition Crosswalk

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines a homeless student as follows. (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11434a(2)).

(A) Students who lack fixed, regular and adequate night time residences

(B) Includes the following

- sharing housing due to loss of housing due to economic hardship or similar reason
- living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; emergency or transitional shelters; or abandoned in hospitals
- sleeping in public place not intended for or adequate for night time residence: cars, parks, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations
- Includes migratory children who otherwise meet this definition

	<b>AB 801</b>	<b>Financial aid</b>
<b>Benefits</b>	Priority registration and BOG fee waiver eligibility	Independent status for calculation of financial aid eligibility
<b>Homeless definition</b>	Met McKinney Vento definition above at any point within 24 months prior to college application.	At any time after July 1 of the application year the student is an unaccompanied youth who <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• meets the McKinney Vento definition above OR</li> <li>• is self-supporting and at risk of being homeless</li> </ul> A student living in one of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent may be considered homeless even if the parent would provide support and a place to live.
<b>Age limit</b>	Under 25	Under 24
<b>Expiration of Status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 Years from date of admission to post-secondary institution or upon reaching age 25</li> <li>• Once homeless youth status is verified, it remains in place over breaks in enrollment</li> <li>• Status is not transferrable to another district</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New determination must be made each year</li> </ul>
<b>Authorized to verify</b>	1. A homeless service provider which includes a governmental or non-profit agency receiving government funding to provide services to homeless persons, an attorney, a McKinney homeless liaison, a human services provider funded by the state to provide homeless services, health services, behavioral health services, public assistance or employment services, or a law enforcement liaison. 2. Director of federal TRIO or GEAR programs or designee 3. Financial aid administrator of post-secondary institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A school district homeless liaison</li> <li>• An emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</li> <li>• A runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program</li> <li>• A financial aid administrator</li> </ul> If determination is made by a FAA, they may rely on third party verification OR a documented interview with the student.  Third party verification can come from a range of sources including homeless shelters, TRIO, GEAR UP, other financial aid administrators at other institutions, college or high school counselors, mental health professionals, social workers, mentors, doctors, and clergy. Written statements are acceptable, however a documented phone call with a relevant authority is also considered sufficient verification.
<b>References</b>	California Education Code 66025.9 CCCCO Guidance Memo - SS 17-07	20 USC 1087vv 2017/2018 Application and Verification Guide (pp 28, 115-116) Dear Colleague Letter GEN 15-16 (July 29, 2015)