



Independent Status Verification 2009 - 2010

The Financial Aid Office at KVCC received your application for financial assistance for the 2009/10 academic year.

If notification was sent to you indicating you need to provide additional documents to determine your financial aid eligibility, and if any of the requested documents have an * indicated, please read this letter to determine what you will need to provide to our office. **Any award information should be considered tentative until we receive the requested verification. Please make sure your Valley ID number is on all forms submitted to our office.**

*** Provide verification that you were in legal guardianship.**

You need to provide verification from a court that you were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.

***Need proof from HS of unaccompanied youth who was homeless.**

You need to provide verification from your high school or school district homeless liaison stating you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless at any time on or after July 1, 2008.

***Need proof from agency of unaccompanied youth at risk.**

You need to provide verification from a director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program to determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless at any time on or after July 1, 2008.

***Need proof from HUD of unaccompanied youth who was homeless.**

You need to provide verification from a director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless at any time on or after July 1, 2008.

***Provide verification of emancipated minor status.**

You need to provide verification from a court that as of today you are an emancipated minor or that you were an emancipated minor immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. This court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.

***Provide verification of orphan or ward of court status.**

You need to provide verification from a court that you were either in foster care at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer in foster care as of today, or that you were a dependent or ward of the court at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court as of today, or provide verification that you had no living parent (biological or adoptive) at any time since you turned age 13 even if you are now adopted.

"Homeless" means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you had nowhere else to go.

"Unaccompanied" means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

"Youth" means you are 21 years of age or younger or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you signed your FAFSA application.