

- Are you all sharing the home equally, or are you more like a guest in the home?

A **regular residence** is one that is used on a regular (i.e. nightly) basis.

Do you stay in the same place every night? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you have a key to the place where you are living? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you move around a lot? _____ Yes _____ No

How long have you been at your current address?

How long do you plan to stay?

How long did you live at your last address?

An **adequate residence** is one that is sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in home environments.

How many people are living in the home?

How many bedrooms and bathrooms does it have?

How many people are sleeping in one room?

Are you sleeping in a bedroom or a public area like a dining/ living room?

Does the home have heat/ electricity / running water?

What condition is the home in? Does it keep out rain and wind? Is it safe? Is it warm and dry? Do the windows have glass panes?

Can you come and go as you please?

Other Considerations:

Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason.

Did the student move into the home as an urgent measure to avoid being on the street or in another precarious situation? _____ Yes _____ No

Due to the loss of housing implies that the student has no personal housing available. Did the student and/or family lose their previous housing due to:

- An eviction or an inability to pay rent or other bills? _____ Yes _____ No
- Destruction of or damage to the previous home? _____ Yes _____ No
- Abuse or neglect? _____ Yes _____ No
- Unhealthy conditions such as an inadequate physical environment, infestations, drug or alcohol abuse in the home or domestic violence? _____ Yes _____ No
- The absence of a parent or guardian due to abandonment, the parent or guardian's incarceration or another reason? _____ Yes _____ No

Economic Hardship includes cases where limited financial resources have forced families to leave personal residences and share housing due to an inability to pay rent or other bills. **The way that the shared housing came about AND the intention of the residents are significant:**

- A long term, cooperative living arrangement among families or friends that is fixed, regular, AND adequate SHOULD NOT be considered a homeless situation, even if the parties are living together to save money.

Living in a motel, hotel, trailer park, or camping ground **due to a lack of alternative adequate accommodations:**

- Motels, hotels and camping grounds will almost always be homeless situations, as they are rarely *fixed, regular and adequate*; however, remember to consider whether alternative adequate accommodations are available.
- Trailer parks are often *fixed, regular and adequate*.

FAFSA Completion Date: _____

REFERENCE: Best Practices in Homeless Education: Determining Eligibility for Rights and Services Under the McKinney-Vento Act

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Requested additional information: _____

Print School Contact

Title

Signature (required)

Date