



**Certified Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Form
for the Purposes of Accessing
Health Services, Identification Cards, and Birth Certificates in the State of Florida**

Re: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Name (First, Middle Initial, Last) of Youth (MM/DD/YYYY)
Please type or print clearly.

Current Mailing Address of Youth (if none, please list name, mailing address, and telephone number of current contact):

(Name)	(Address)	(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)	(Telephone)
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Per Section 743.067, Florida Statutes, I am authorized to certify that this youth is an unaccompanied homeless youth based on the circumstance(s) identified below (check all that are appropriate):

____ The above-named youth meets the definition of an unaccompanied homeless youth per section 743.067(1), Florida Statutes, as "an individual who is 16 years of age or older and is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, including a youth who has run away from home, who has been forced to leave his or her home, or whose parents have left the area and left the youth behind."

____ The above-named youth meets the definition of homeless children and youths in s. 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (MVA)*, 42 U.S.C. §11434(a), and is eligible for services pursuant to the MVA, 42 U.S.C. §11431-11435 because the youth lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence including:

- sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- is living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- is living in emergency or transitional shelter or was abandoned at a hospital;
- has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- is living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations or similar settings;
- is a migratory child who qualifies as homeless because the child is living in circumstances described above.

**A youth who meets the definition of homeless child and youth in s. 725 of the MVA may be eligible for federal assistance provided through the Act.*

I am providing this form of certification as the (please check one):

- ____ School district's liaison for homeless children and youths
- ____ The director of an emergency shelter program funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, or the director's designee
- ____ The director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, or the director's designee
- ____ A continuum of care lead agency, or its designee

____ I, as authorized above, also hereby certify that the above-named youth was identified as an unaccompanied homeless youth on ____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Printed Name of Certifying Individual	Signature	Date Signed
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(Title of Certifying Individual)	(Agency/School District of Certifying Individual)	
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(Email of Certifying Individual)	(Telephone Number of Certifying Individual)	
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Should you have additional questions or need more information about this youth, please contact me at the number or email listed above.

I, _____, hereby attest that the information provided by me is true to the best of my knowledge.
(Certified Unaccompanied Homeless Youth)

Signature of Certified Unaccompanied Homeless Youth	Date Signed
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743.067 Certified unaccompanied homeless youths.—

(1) DEFINITION. —For purposes of this section, an “unaccompanied homeless youth” is an individual who is 16 years of age or older and is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, including a youth who has run away from home, who has been forced to leave his or her home, or whose parents have left the area and left the youth behind.

(2) CERTIFICATION.—An unaccompanied homeless youth may become certified if he or she is:

- (a) Found by a school district’s liaison for homeless children and youths to be an unaccompanied homeless youth eligible for services pursuant to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. ss. 11431-11435; or
- (b) Believed to qualify as an unaccompanied homeless youth, as that term is defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, by:
 1. The director of an emergency shelter program funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, or the director’s designee;
 2. The director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, or the director’s designee; or
 3. A continuum of care lead agency, or its designee.

(3) PROOF OF CERTIFICATION.—

- (a) The State Office on Homelessness within the Department of Children and Families shall develop a standardized form that must be used by the entities specified in subsection (2) to certify qualifying unaccompanied homeless youth. The front of the form must include the circumstances that qualify the youth; the date the youth was certified; and the name, title, and signature of the certifying individual. This section must be reproduced in its entirety on the back of the form.
- (b) A certified unaccompanied homeless youth may use the completed form to:
 1. Apply at no charge for an identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles pursuant to s. 322.051(9).
 2. Receive a certified copy of his or her birth certificate at no charge under s. 382.0255.
- (c) A health care provider may accept the completed form or the card issued under s. 1001.42 as proof of the minor’s status as a certified unaccompanied homeless youth and may keep a copy of the form or card in the youth’s medical file.

(4) REMOVAL OF DISABILITIES OF NONAGE. —A certified unaccompanied homeless youth may petition the circuit court to have the disabilities of nonage removed under s. 743.015. The youth shall qualify as a person not required to prepay costs and fees as provided in s. 57.081. The court shall advance the cause on the calendar.

(5) MEDICAL AND OTHER CARE. —Notwithstanding s. 394.4625(1), a certified unaccompanied homeless youth may consent to medical care; dental care; behavioral health care services, including psychological counseling and treatment, psychiatric treatment, and substance abuse prevention and treatment services; and surgical diagnosis and treatment, including preventative care and care by a facility licensed under chapter 394, chapter 395, or chapter 397 and any forensic medical examination for the purpose of investigating any felony offense under chapter 784, chapter 787, chapter 794, chapter 800, or chapter 827, for:

- (a) Himself or herself; or
- (b) His or her child, if the certified unaccompanied homeless youth is unmarried, is the parent of the child, and has actual custody of the child.

(6) CONSTRUCTION. —This section does not affect the requirements of s. 390.01114.

History.—s. 4, ch. 2012-186; s. 1, ch. 2014-173; s. 36, ch. 2017-151.