

REFERRAL FOR STUDENTS IN THE HOMELESS CATEGORY

**EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM
MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT**

PLEASE PRINT

STUDENTS NAME _____ M ___ F ___
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial)

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____ UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (M.I.)

Stop ! If not able to check any of the boxes in the CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION area below.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Complete only if it shows (1) your child's current living situation; or (2) your living situation if you are a youth not living with a parent or guardian. Check the appropriate box:

- in a shelter with relatives or others due to lack of housing/employment (other family rents/owns housing)
- at a train or bus station, park, or in a car in abandoned apartment/building
- with friends or other family members due to lack of housing/employment (*other* than parent/guardian)
- in a motel/hotel, camping ground, or other similar situation due to the lack of alternative, adequate housing
- temporarily housed in shelter awaiting DES/CPS permanent foster care placement
- other _____ Disaster victim? explain _____

Is there a current Order of Protection or No Contact order which concerns this student: Yes No

STUDENTS DATE OF BIRTH _____ GRADE LEVEL _____ PHONE NUMBER (____) _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

MAILING ADDRESS PO BOX _____ PHYSICAL ADDRESS _____

RACE/ETHNICITY ___ White ___ Black ___ Hispanic ___ Asian/Pacific Islander ___ Amer. Ind./Alaskan Nat. ___ MultiRacial/Ethnic ___

Last school attended: _____
(school) (address if known)

Siblings living in same household:

Name	School	Grade

To the best of my knowledge, the information in this document is accurate:

Print Name & Title of Person completing form _____

Page 2 of this form contains **important information** regarding the **rights of homeless students**. Please review!

For School use only:

Eligible for any of these educational and school related activities and services?

- Special Education (IDEA) English Language Learners (ELL) Gifted and Talented Vocational Education
- Other _____

Possible Barriers to Education (mark all those that apply)

- School Selection Transportation School Records Immunizations or other medical records
- Birth Certificate Proof of Guardianship Certificate of Indian Blood withdrawal slip from previous school
- Other issues/barriers _____

Proposed Services and Activities to be Provided by McKinney-Vento

- Tutoring or other instructional support
- Expedited placement evaluations
- Staff professional development/awareness
- Referrals for medical, dental, and other health services
- Transportation
- Early childhood programs
- Assistance with participation in school programs
- Before/after-school, mentoring, summer programs
- Obtaining or transferring records necessary for enrollment
- Parent education related to rights/resources
- Coordination between schools and agencies
- Counseling Addressing needs related to domestic violence Other _____
- Clothing to meet a school requirement (Uniforms, gym clothes, etc.)
- School supplies
- Referral to other programs and services
- Emergency assistance related to school attendance
- Other _____

Date _____ Attendance/Registrars Signature _____

COMMENTS _____

Date copy was forwarded to Homeless Liaison _____

RIGHTS OF HOMELESS STUDENTS

The school district shall provide an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Every homeless student shall have equal access to the same free and appropriate educational opportunities as students who are not homeless. This commitment to the educational rights of homeless children, youth, and youth not living with a parent or guardian, applies to all services, programs, and activities provided or made available.

- A student is considered "homeless" if he or she is presently living:
- in a shelter * sharing housing with relatives or others due to lack of housing
 - in a motel/hotel, camping ground, or similar situation due to lack of alternative, adequate housing
 - at a train or bus station, park, or in a car * in an abandoned building
 - temporarily housed while awaiting DES/CPS foster care placement

- All Homeless Students Have Rights To:**
- **Immediate school enrollment.** A school must immediately enroll students even if they lack health, immunization or school records, proof of guardianship, or proof of residency.
 - **Enroll in:**
 - *the school he/she attended when permanently housed (school of origin)
 - *the school in which he/she was last enrolled (school of origin)
 - *any school that non-homeless students living in the same attendance area in which the homeless child or youth is actually living are eligible to attend.
 - **Remain** enrolled in his/her selected school for as long as he/she remains homeless or, if the student becomes permanently housed, until the end of the academic year.
 - **Priority** in certain preschool programs.
 - **Participate** in a tutorial-instructional support program, school-related activities, and/or receive other support services.
 - **Obtain** information regarding how to get fee waivers, and low-cost or free medical referrals.
 - **Transportation services:** A homeless student attending his/her school of origin has a right to transportation to go to and from the school of origin as long as (s)he is homeless or, if the student becomes permanently housed, until the end of the academic year.

Dispute Resolution: If you disagree with school officials about enrollment, transportation or fair treatment of a homeless child or youth, you may file a complaint with the school district. The school district must respond within 7 calendar days. The school district must refer you to free and/or low cost legal services to help you, if you wish. During the dispute, the student must be immediately enrolled in the school and provided transportation until the matter is resolved. The Homeless Liaison will assist in making enrollment and placement decisions, providing notice of any appeal process, and filling out dispute forms. Within 7 calendar days of receipt by parent, guardian, or homeless youth of the decision of the district level appeal a "State Level Notice of Appeal" may be filed with the Arizona Department of Education Homeless Coordinator. Forms will be provided with the district decision. The state level decision will be final.

If you have questions about enrollment in school, or want more information about the rights of homeless students in Page Unified School District, call the Homeless Liaison, Shawna Leach, 928-608-4102, fax 928-608-4103 or email sleach@pageud.k12.az.us.