



## Certification of Youth in Foster Care or Qualifying Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

In accordance with Act 506 of the 94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, Regular Session, this form serves as documentation that the youth named below qualifies as an unaccompanied homeless youth as defined in the Act or is a youth in the custody of the Arkansas Department of Human Services or participating in the Arkansas Extended Foster Care Program. As such, this entitles the youth named below to have:

- The fee for the issuance of an identification card waived under § 27-16-805(a);
- The fee for the issuance of a driver's license waived under § 27-16-801(i);
- Any other costs incidental to licensure waved under § 27-16-801;
- The fee for driver education waived under § 27-18-106;
- The fee for issuance of a certified copy of his or her birth certificate waived under § 20-18-306(c);
- The fee for issuance of a copy of his or her transcript waived under § 6-61-142

Youth Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Circumstances that Qualify Youth (select all that apply):

\_\_\_\_ Youth under 18 in DHS custody      Youth 18-21 in the Extended Foster Care Program; OR

\_\_\_\_ Individual between sixteen (16) years of age and twenty-two (22) years of age; AND

\_\_\_\_ Is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, including without limitation 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

Certifier Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Certifier Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Certifier Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions about this form, please call 501-320-6012.

(b) An unaccompanied homeless youth may become certified if he or she is:

(1) Found by a school district's liaison for homeless children and youths to be an unaccompanied homeless youth eligible for services under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11432 et seq., as existing on January 1, 2023; or

(2) Believed to qualify as an unaccompanied homeless youth, as defined in the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12 11432 et seq., as existing on January 1, 2023, by:

(A) The director of an emergency shelter program funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, or the designee of the director of an emergency shelter program funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development;

(B) 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

(C) A continuum of care lead agency, or its designee.

(c)(1) The Department of Human Services shall develop a standardized form that must be used by the entities specified in subsection (b) of this section to certify qualifying unaccompanied homeless youth.

(c)(2) The front of the form required under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall include without limitation the:

(A) Circumstances that qualify the youth as an unaccompanied homeless youth;

(B) Date the youth was certified; and

(C) Name, title, and signature of the certifying individual specified under subsection (b) of this section.