



Oregon

Tina Kotek, Governor



Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program (YEHP)

Application and Status Determination for Higher Education Tuition and Fee Waiver

To Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program:

I am providing this letter to convey the determination that _____ meets the following criteria as specifically outlined in HB4013 and HB3564.

- Is or was a *Homeless Youth which is defined as a person who was homeless for 6 months or more between the ages of **14** and **24**, **and**
- While experiencing homelessness as described above, received services from an [Organization contracted by the Department of Human Services \(ODHS\)](#) to provide Services or Housing supports – including host homes, **and**
- Was at least 16 years of age when the person last received the services, **and**
- Is currently under the age of 25 (has not turned 25), **and**
- Has or will complete a FAFSA / ORSAA for the academic year when enrollment is sought,
- Is currently enrolled in courses totaling one or more credit hours at an institution of higher education as an undergraduate student.



Student applicant information

Student's name

Student's contact email and/or phone
(for follow up questions)

Student's date of birth

Student's mailing address*

Student's Social Security Number

City **OR** _____
State **ZIP**

****Note:** If the student does not have a stable address, you may list the name, phone number and mailing address of a friend or relative, or the school.*

By signing this form, I am acknowledging the Oregon Department of Human Services will use this information for eligibility determination and permit the information above to be released for the purposes of this initiative.

(Eligibility Determiners shall confirm this with Student PRIOR to submission)

Student's signature
(for approval of processing eligibility)

Date



Eligibility determination information for student support

By completing this, as per [HB4013](#) and [HB3564](#), I am confirming I am authorized to document this student's living situation and determine their eligibility status as a homeless youth who qualifies for Tuition and Fee Waiver enrollment.

Name

Date

Signature

Phone

Email

Title

Agency

Role (select one option):

McKinney-Vento Liaison

Director/Designee of an [ODHS-funded program or host home](#)

Financial Aid Administrator

Other? Please List: _____

Please send completed form to: yehp.studentwaivers@odhs.oregon.gov



Legislative information and definitions

[2022 HB4013 can be viewed here](#) | [2023 HB3564 can be viewed here](#)

1. Notwithstanding ORS 341.290, 352.105 or 353.050, a student who is ...a current homeless youth* ...under 25 years of age [who is] and enrolled in courses totaling one or more credit hours at an institution of higher education as an undergraduate student shall have the amount of tuition and all fees levied against the student waived if attending an institution of higher education for purposes of pursuing an initial undergraduate degree.
2. A student is entitled to waiver of tuition and all fees under subsection (1) of this section until the student has received the equivalent of four years of undergraduate education.
3. As a condition of receiving a tuition waiver for an academic year, if the student is eligible to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) the student must complete and submit the application for that academic year.
4. A waiver of tuition and all fees under subsection (1) of this section may be reduced by the amount of any federal aid scholarships or grants, an award from the Oregon Opportunity Grant program established under ORS 348.205 and any other aid received from the institution of higher education. For the purposes of this subsection, “federal aid scholarships or grants” does not include Chafee [Education] Educational and Training [Grant vouchers (P.L. 107-133)] Voucher Program grants under 42 U.S.C. 677.
5. As used in this section:
 - a. “Homeless youth” means a person who:
 - A. Experienced homelessness for a total of six or more months while between 14 and 24 years of age;
 - B. While experiencing homelessness as described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, received services from an organization contracted by the Department of Human Services to provide services to homeless persons or from a host home, as defined by the department by rule; and



- C. Was at least 16 years of age when the person last received the services described in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

The amendments...first apply to tuition and fee waivers granted for the 2022–2023 academic year.

Homeless Youth

A student is considered homeless if they lack fixed, regular, and adequate housing. This is broader than just living “on the street.”

It includes:

- Temporarily living with other people because they had nowhere else to go;
- Living in substandard housing (if it doesn’t meet local building codes or the utilities are turned off, it is generally not adequate);
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters,
- Living in motels, camping grounds, cars, parks, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations, or any public or private place not designed for humans to live in.
- It also includes living in the school dormitory if the student would otherwise be homeless.
- A student living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent would be considered homeless even if the parent would provide support and a place to live.