



**COLORADO**  
Department of Education

## McKinney-Vento- February 2022

### Formula Funding to Support McKinney Students: Applications Due March 1, 2022

The applications for the U.S. Department of Education section 2001(b)(1) of the [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#) funding to help support school districts in serving students experiencing homelessness will close **March 1, 2022**.

The purposes of this funding include increasing the identification of homeless children and youth, providing wraparound services considering the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and providing assistance needed to enable homeless children and youth to attend school and participate fully in school activities.

Applications must be completed and submitted through the [online application](#). Please see complete details on the [McKinney-Vento Website](#) as well as the [recording](#) from the October 21<sup>st</sup> informational webinar.

### Request for Applications Open February 22, 2022

#### McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Grant Program

The intent of the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program grant is to remove all educational barriers facing children and youth experiencing homelessness, with an emphasis on educational enrollment, attendance, and success. Requests for applications for this competitive grant process will open on Tuesday, February 22, and close April 22, 2022.

Local Education Agencies (LEA) are eligible to apply for this opportunity. An eligible LEA is:

- A School District;
- A Board of Cooperative Services (BOCES);
- A Charter School authorized by a School District; or
- A Charter School authorized by the Charter School Institute.

More information will be posted to the CDE website on February 22 and two informational webinars will be hosted to answer questions about the RFA.

- February 22, 12pm- 1pm – [Register Here](#)
- March 1, 4pm -5pm – [Register Here](#)

### In Case You Missed It

#### Highly Mobile Peer to Peer conversation on Feb. 3

The Peer-to-Peer topic for February 2022 was *Serving Student Experiencing Homelessness with Title IA Set-asides*. Please consider listening in to the [recording](#) or reviewing the [slides](#) to learn more about the use of Title IA set asides in serving homeless children and youth.



## Does your district need McKinney-Vento Training?

Please reach out if I can offer guidance or support as you navigate services and continue to advocate for children and youth experiencing homelessness.

If you are interested in training for your district or LEA, please complete the following [Training Request Form](#) and someone will be in touch to discuss your request in greater detail.

Has there been a change within your school district for the McKinney-Vento Liaison? Please complete the following [form](#) to request a needed update to our liaison list.

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## Registration is Open!

### Title IA Set-Aside Webinar Series

Identifying and addressing the needs of students experiencing homelessness requires cross-program coordination between the McKinney-Vento Act and Title I, Part A. This webinar series is designed to support McKinney-Vento District Liaisons and Title I district partners in planning and coordinating services for students in their district. Please consider attending in partnership with your federal programs partner at the district. You are not required to attend all three webinars however the content will build from one session to the next.

**Topics:** Allowable usages of set-asides funds, determining Title I, Part A Set-Aside amounts, and strategies for collaboration and coordination at the district level.

[Register here](#)

**Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 3 pm**

**Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2:00 – 3 pm**

**Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2:00 – 3 pm**

### Upcoming NCHE Webinars

If your schedule allows, please consider attending a webinar on the basics of McKinney-Vento offered through the National Center for Homeless Education. The following webinars will be particularly helpful to liaisons who are new to their role.

You are welcome to share these opportunities with your partners as well. Everyone is welcome and the webinars are offered at no cost.

#### Understanding Doubled Up

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 | 2:00PM- 3:00PM ET

**Register:** [https://uncg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Gd2HSSYwQZeMeB50ySWbVw](https://uncg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Gd2HSSYwQZeMeB50ySWbVw)

**Presenters will cover:** the issue of doubling up and how it is used in the McKinney-Vento Act's definition of homeless; the factors that should be considered with doubled-up in making a determination.

#### Paving the Way to College for Students Experiencing Homelessness

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 | 2:00PM -3:00PM ET

**Register:** [https://uncg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_KCwLJnSiSgSjQuW6BcJ6gg](https://uncg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KCwLJnSiSgSjQuW6BcJ6gg)

**Presenters will cover:** Fee waiver options for college entrance exams and college application fees, The FAFSA process for students experiencing homelessness with their family/parent/guardian and unaccompanied homeless youth; options for seeking financial assistance beyond federal financial aid; options for undocumented youth wishing to attend college.

#### McKinney-Vento School Selection Rights

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 | 2:00PM – 3:00PM ET

**Register:** [https://uncg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_V1Ddy7XnSmO3CKwMXWJgNg](https://uncg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_V1Ddy7XnSmO3CKwMXWJgNg)

**Presenter will cover:** McKinney-Vento basics and context; the McKinney-Vento Act's definition of school of origin; McKinney-Vento provisions related to determining the best interest of a student in terms of school selection; the provision of school-of-origin transportation to currently homeless students and formerly homeless students who have become permanently housed; and McKinney-Vento provisions related to dispute resolution, including disputes about school enrollment and selection.