

# Qualified Minor Verification and Consent for Unaccompanied Youth



Client Name		Age	<input type="checkbox"/> 16 years old <input type="checkbox"/> 17 years old
DOB		Contracting for:	<input type="checkbox"/> Services (ie., Consent for Care, banking)
Phone Number			<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase (ie., car, renting housing, loan)

Are you **currently** under the supervision of the Children's Division of the Missouri Department of Social Services or under the jurisdiction of any juvenile court? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(If YES, Youth does NOT qualify. Please assist Youth with connecting to their case manager or representative agency.)

**Describe your current living situation:** \_\_\_\_\_

(If staying with a friend or family member other than guardian, staying at a shelter, living at a hotel/motel/campground, or living in a place not meant for regular sleeping accommodations, then Youth DOES meet this requirement.)

Are you currently provided with basic needs by your parent/guardian, such as: food, clothing, clean & safe living environment, and supervision OR do they currently pay for these things for you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(If YES, Youth is not self-supporting and does NOT meet this requirement.)

DETERMINATION OF CONSENT	
Expressed Consent	Implied Consent
<input type="checkbox"/> Verbal consent given by guardian for youth to be considered a Qualified Minor	<input type="checkbox"/> Guardian did not respond to repeated attempts at contact
<input type="checkbox"/> Verbal consent given by guardian and guardian agrees to sign written consent for youth to be considered a Qualified Minor	<input type="checkbox"/> Guardian stated the youth is not allowed back home
	<input type="checkbox"/> Guardian refused to provide financial support for youth
	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth has been abused or neglected in the home*
	<input type="checkbox"/> Agency/social worker/counselor/attorney letter received verifying that the minor is an unaccompanied youth

(If any box is checked, then Youth DOES meet the requirement.)

**If Youth has a verification letter or has been abused or neglected, OR if Guardian has refused to allow Youth back home, refused to provide financial support for Youth, or has already given expressed consent, then Guardian does NOT need to be contacted.**

Parent/Guardian Name	
Phone Number	
Address	

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT: STAFF DOCUMENTATION		
CONTACT LOG		
Date	Time	Notes

**"Minor's ability to contract for certain purposes--conditions.**

**431.056.** 1. A minor shall be qualified and competent to contract for housing, employment, purchase of an automobile, receipt of a student loan, admission to high school or postsecondary school, obtaining medical and mental health care, establishing a bank account, admission to a shelter for victims of domestic violence, as that phrase is used in sections 455.200 to 455.220, a rape crisis center, as defined in section 455.003, or a homeless shelter, and receipt of services as a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault, as such terms are defined in section 455.010, including but not limited to, counseling, court advocacy, financial assistance, and other advocacy services, if:

FOR ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS FORM, PLEASE CONTACT [YOUTHPLAN@MOBOSCOC.ORG](mailto:YOUTHPLAN@MOBOSCOC.ORG). \*If you are a mandated reporter, A REPORT MUST BE MADE TO THE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE IF ABUSE OR NEGLECT IS DISCLOSED: CALL 800-392-373 OR REPORT [ONLINE](#)

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(1) The minor is **sixteen or seventeen years of age**; and

(2) The minor is **homeless**, as defined in subsection 1 of section 167.020, **or a victim of domestic violence**, as defined in section 455.010, unless the child is under the supervision of the children's division or the jurisdiction of the juvenile court; and

(3) The minor is **self-supporting**, such that the minor is without the physical or financial support of a parent or legal guardian; and

(4) The minor's **parent or legal guardian has consented to the minor living independent of the parents' or guardians' control**. Consent may be expressed or implied, such that:

(a) Expressed consent is any verbal or written statement made by the parents or guardian of the minor displaying approval or agreement that the minor may live independently of the parent's or guardian's control;

(b) a. Implied consent is any action made by the parent or guardian of the minor that indicates the parent or guardian is unwilling or unable to adequately care for the minor. Such actions may include, but are not limited to:

(i) Barring the minor from the home or otherwise indicating that the minor is not welcome to stay;

(ii) Refusing to provide any or all financial support for the minor; or

(iii) Abusing or neglecting the minor, as defined in section 210.110, or committing an act or acts of domestic violence against the minor, as defined in section 455.010.

b. Implied consent, in addition to the actions described in subparagraph a. of this paragraph, may also be demonstrated by a letter signed by the following persons verifying that the minor is an unaccompanied youth, as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 11434a(6):

(i) A director or designee of a governmental or nonprofit agency that receives public or private funding to provide services to homeless persons;

(ii) A local education agency liaison for homeless children and youth designated under 42 U.S.C. Section 11432(g)(1)(J)(ii), or a school social worker or counselor; or

(iii) A licensed attorney representing the minor in any legal matter.

[ . . . ] 4. Any legally constituted entity or licensed provider who contracts with a minor under subsection 1 of this section shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability based on the entity's or provider's determination to contract with the minor; provided that, if an entity's or provider's determination of compliance with subsection 1 of this section, or conduct in contracting with the minor, is the result of the entity's or provider's gross negligence or willful or wanton acts or omissions, then the entity or provider may be held liable for their gross negligence or willful or wanton acts or omissions. Consent given under this section shall not be subject to later disaffirmance by reason of the minor's age."

☐ Youth is currently a Qualified Minor based on answers to the above questions.

☐ Youth is NOT currently a Qualified Minor based on answers to the above questions.

Next steps, if applicable:

☐ Per the statute above, an agency, social worker, counselor, or lawyer provided written verification that the minor is an unaccompanied youth, as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 11434a(6).

☐ Parent or guardian agreed to meet with program personnel to sign written consent documentation on this date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Hotline report was made, due to [current/past] abuse or neglect, on this date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Youth was determined NOT to be a Qualified Minor. The following follow-up action was taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Title \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

While filling out this form, I have provided the most accurate and complete information I have at this time. I have read the above statute and understand my rights and responsibilities as a qualified minor.

Youth Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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