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Access to Higher Education for UHY

Q: A student has marked 'YES' on the FAFSA indicating they are a homeless unaccompanied youth. What kind of documentation is required to satisfy the verification requirement?



A: The McKinney-Vento Program provides FAFSA letters for all identified Unaccompanied Homeless Youth. These letters have been sent to school based coordinators. If additional UHY have been identified since the disbursement or if you are in need of a verification letter for the FAFSA, please email [Cindy Sawyer](mailto:Cindy.Sawyer@ocps.net).

The United Negro College Fund and Orange County Public Schools invite you to attend the UNCF/OCPS Stars for Education Fundraising Basketball Game on:

Friday, February 20, 7:00pm

Wekiva High School

Admission is \$5

The purpose of this fundraising event is to help OCPS high school youth attend college. Our goal is to fill **2,000** seats at the basketball game. We can achieve this goal with your support. Players will include OCPS personnel and leaders from the community.

All funds will be used to support the UNCF/OCPS Scholarship fund for high school youth.

An underwear/sock drive will take place at the entrance to benefit OCPS students of all ages through the Kids Closet.

[Click here for the flier](#) or visit www.uncf.org/ocps.

The National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) offers monthly training webinars. NCHE webinars are provided free of charge and allow participants to learn about issues related to the education and well-being of children and youth experiencing homelessness. Please [visit the website](#) to find full webinar descriptions or to register for upcoming sessions.



Over 3,000 students were served through the Dress2Learn initiative. If you have any stories of impact, thank you notes, or letters from parents, please send them through the courier or email them to [Christina Savino](mailto:Christina.Savino@ocps.net). Thank you for all you have done to make this effort a huge success!



As the MVP coordinator at your school, please share the information in this newsletter with your staff. Thank you!

Did you know?

The Attendance Incentive program has provided giftcards to **84** students who have maintained good attendance for the October 2014-December 2014 semester. **Way to Go Juniors & Seniors!** Contact [Cindy Sawyer](#) for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact the MVP program.

407-317-3485

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**Homeless Student Count
for 01/30/15: 5,673**

Training Update

Thank you to all who attended the Winter Training Series. Please know the sessions will be repeated in the Spring. Click [here](#) to sign up for March sessions and view course descriptions. Want someone to come to train on your campus? Please call **407-317-3485**.