



National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) [H.R. 133](#) Summary

Federal FY2021 Budget Appropriations (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021)

Please find below FY2021 federal appropriation amounts for programs that commonly serve children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness:

- Education for Homeless Children and Youth Act: \$106,500,000 (up \$5,000,000 from FY2020)
- Child Care and Development Block Grant Act: \$5,911,000,000 (up \$11,100,000 from FY2020)
- Head Start/Early Head Start: \$10,748,095,000 (up \$135,000,000 from FY2020)
- HUD Homeless Assistance: \$3,000,000,000 total (up \$22,300,000 from FY2020)
- Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: \$136,780,000 (up \$4,359,000 from FY2020)

Supplemental Coronavirus Appropriations (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021)

Please find below coronavirus supplemental appropriation amounts for programs that commonly serve children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness, and related legislative provisions of interest:

- A [second economic impact \(stimulus\) payment](#) for income-eligible individuals/households: \$600/individual (\$1,200 for a joint return), plus \$600 for each qualifying child
- Enhanced federal unemployment benefit of \$300/week through mid-March 2021
- Emergency rental assistance: \$25,000,000,000
- Extension of the federal eviction moratorium until Jan 31, 2021
- Food stamp program: \$13,000,000,000 to bolster food stamp benefits by 15 percent
- Head Start/Early Head Start funding: \$250,000,000
- Education Stabilization Fund: \$81,880,000,000, divided as follows:
 - Off-the-top reservation of ½ of 1% (\$409,400,000) to outlying areas
 - Off-the-top reservation of ½ of 1% (\$409,400,000) to the Bureau of Indian Education
 - Allocation of remaining 99% of funding after reservations:
 - 5% (\$4,053,060,000) to the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (Section 312)
 - 67% (\$54,311,004,000) to the Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund (Section 313)
 - 28% (\$22,697,136,000) to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (Section 314)
- Allowable usages of education stabilization funds may be reviewed, as follows:
 - Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund: Pg 744
 - Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund: Pgs 749-750
 - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund: Pg 753

FAFSA Simplification Act

Please find below a summary of provisions related to unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness (UHY) included in the Act. The provisions summarized below are effective as of July 1, 2023, and apply to the 2023-2024 award year and subsequent years; until then, current eligibility and rules are in effect.

- Requires the Secretary of Education to ensure that the simplified FAFSA has a single question on homeless status
- Requires the Secretary of Education to publish data in a publicly accessible manner annually on the number of individuals who apply for Federal financial aid who indicated they are an UHY
- Eliminates the requirement that UHY's independent status be redetermined every year
- Expands the list of officials and programs that may determine that an applicant is independent as a UHY

Additional information on the above and other FAFSA changes for UHY and foster youth included in the omnibus bill is available from [SchoolHouse Connection](#).