This document is to assist counselors with students who may be in an alternate living situation and/or experiencing homelessness.

RDS Online Interview:

1. Once a student completes the college enrollment questions (i.e. are you currently enrolled/do you know when you want to enroll), the next section is housing.
2. A listing of McKinney Vento classifiers is immediately presented.
3. If the student selects “Yes” to the housing situations list, the student’s interview is flagged as “experiencing homelessness/need assistance”. If the student selects “No”, the student’s interview is not flagged as “experiencing homelessness/need assistance”.

4. The student then continues in the interview and RDS asks about resideniary acts (voting, employment, taxes, car registration, high school, etc.) Not everyone is asked ALL the questions – the list is just an example.
5. If the student has enough resideniary acts – the student receives a resident classification and no additional information is needed.
6. If the student does not have enough resideniary acts – the student receives a screen (shown below) notifying them that someone from RDS will contact them shortly to assist them through the remainder of the RDS process.
7. The Student needs to click Exit and will get screen shown below:

8. The RDS team will work with the student one-on-one to complete their residency. There is no need to complete a Reconsideration or Appeal.

If the student does not identify with McKinney Vento classifiers in the interview as indicated above:

- RDS does not flag the student as experiencing homelessness and/or needing help
- RDS asks the student the standard interview questions and the student receives a resident or non-resident determination

Because it is likely that students who are experiencing homelessness will have trouble providing residency acts, most may likely receive a non-resident classification. In this case, the student can immediately Appeal and RDS will work with the student one-on-one in an Appeal to complete the residency determination.