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2025-2026 Special Circumstances Form (Independent)

The Office of Financial Aid understands that a family’s ability to contribute toward 2025-26 academic expenses may change since the time of filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form will allow you to explain any circumstances that you feel may affect your ability to cover your educational costs.

Attach supporting documentation with dollar amounts and clear explanations. **We cannot process this appeal without specific details regarding your special circumstances or without appropriate supporting documentation. Families with a Student Aid Index (SAI) of 0 will not receive additional aid through this process as they are already receiving maximum aid. Appeals are handled on a case-by-case basis, with the judgment of the administrator serving as the final decision.**

Check the appropriate box or all boxes that pertains to the circumstance(s) which best describes your situation.

Special Circumstance	Documents Needed and Checklist
<p>You and/or your spouse were employed in 2023 and have been unemployed in 2025.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this best describes to your circumstance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Personal statement explaining circumstance ○ Letter(s) of Separation from Employer(s) ○ 2025 Unemployment Benefits Statement (if applicable) ○ Most recent pay stub(s) ○ Signed 2025 federal tax return (if after Jan. 2026) ○ All 2025 W-2s (if after Jan. 2026)
<p>You and/or your spouse are receiving less pay in 2025.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this best describes to your circumstance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Personal statement explaining circumstance ○ Letter(s) from current employer(s) estimating 2025 adjusted gross income ○ Current pay stub(s) ○ Signed 2025 federal tax return (if after Jan. 2026) ○ All 2025 W-2s (if after Jan. 2026)
<p>Since you have applied for financial aid for the 2025-26 academic year you have become separated or divorced.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this best describes to your circumstance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Your 2023 W-2(s) ○ Copy of Divorce Decree (if divorced) or ○ Copy of Legal Separation and ○ Documentation of current separate households (i.e. utility bill, cell phone bill, housing lease)
<p>Since you have applied for financial aid for the 2025-26 academic year your spouse has died.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this best describes to your circumstance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2023 W-2(s) of deceased spouse ○ Copy of Death Certificate or ○ Copy of Obituary

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<p>You and/or your spouse had/have medical and dental expenses in 2025-26 not reimbursed by your insurance (must exceed 11% of the Income Protection Allowance)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this best describes to your circumstance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2025-26 Paid Receipts or ○ 2025-26 Canceled checks <p>Please note: This does not include unpaid debts incurred or expenses that are paid by insurance.</p>
<p>You paid tuition for private elementary, junior high, and/or high school in 2025-26.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this best describes to your circumstance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please visit our website to download a Private Tuition Payment Verification Form for the private school to complete and return to our office
<p>You or your spouse received unemployment or some untaxed income in 2023 but will no longer receive the benefit in 2025.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this best describes to your circumstance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Personal statement explaining circumstance ○ Statement from Unemployment Office stating benefits have ended or ○ Official Statement stating untaxed income is no longer received or ○ Letter on letterhead documenting the benefit loss ○ Signed 2025 federal tax return (if after Jan. 2026) ○ All 2025 W-2s (if after Jan. 2026)
<p>Other: If none of the above circumstances applies to your situation, please attach a signed statement explaining your circumstances.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this best describes to your circumstance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Personal statement explaining circumstance ○ Attach appropriate supporting documentation

I agree to allow the financial aid administrator to review my information to determine if my request can be accommodated. I further understand that I may be asked for additional information or that my request can be partially or completely denied. I understand that if this form is incomplete or lacks the required documentation, no action will be taken. **Your request for special circumstance cannot be processed until your original 25-26 FAFSA has been completed and verified. Please allow up to six weeks of processing once all required documentation has been received.**

Signatures:

Student

Date