

2026-2027

PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT APPEAL FOR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Student Name: _____ **CC Student ID#:** _____

Please identify the reason for your appeal:

- ☐ Your parents are/will be experiencing significant and unusual expenses during the school year that are not reflected by the information disclosed on your FAFSA.
- ☐ One or both parent(s), or spouse, that reported income on the current year tax returns is no longer employed. This may include, but is not limited to layoffs, retirement, or disability.
- ☐ Death of a parent or legal guardian after the date the FAFSA was filed.
- ☐ Separation/Divorce of a parent since the date the FAFSA was filed.

CONDITION A: EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

You have a special circumstance which will cause your family's 2025 income to be significantly less than that of 2024. You may attach a separate sheet with an explanation of these circumstances if necessary. Include any supporting documentation.

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CONDITION B: UNEMPLOYMENT

A student, spouse, or parent who earned money in 2024 has lost his/her job for at least 10 weeks in 2025, due to retirement, layoff, or job termination. Voluntary reduction of hours or leaving employment for the purpose of returning to school does NOT meet this condition.

The individual who lost his/her job: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

How many weeks has he/she been unemployed since January 1, 2024? _____

Documentation Needed: *Verification of loss of employment from employer or human resources. Verification should include the date of last employment.*

CONDITION C: DEATH

A spouse or parent who earned income in 2024 has died since the 2026-2027 free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) was completed.

Full Name of Deceased individual: _____

Relationship to the Applicant: _____

Documentation Needed: *A photocopy of the death certificate (this will not be returned).*

CONDITION D: SEPARATION OR DIVORCE

After filing for Federal Student Aid, you or your parents have separated or divorced.

1. Who has separated or divorced? ☐ Parents ☐ Student
2. Date of separation or divorce? _____/_____/_____
3. Which condition applies? ☐ Separation ☐ Divorce

Documents Needed: *A photocopy of either the Separation Maintenance Order or a photocopy of the Divorce Decree. This will not be returned.*

FOR ALL APPLICANTS:

Submit the following documentation with this form:

1. A signed copy of your 2024 Federal Income Tax return for student and parents.
2. Copy of last paycheck stub(s).
3. Copy of any applicable benefit statements, i.e., social security, unemployment compensation, TANF.
4. All documentation is listed under the specific condition for which you have submitted the appeal.

All the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree, if asked, to provide information that will verify the accuracy of the information reported on this form.

Student Signature : _____ Date : _____

Parent Signature : _____ Date : _____

For Office Use Only:

Original EFC _____	Revised EFC: _____	Difference in Eligibility: Y/N
Appeal Granted: Y/N	Date transmitted: _____	Date reviewed: _____
FA Signature: _____		