



2021-2022 Special Circumstances Review Form

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Student Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Student ID #: _____ Email: _____

You may request a **Review of Special Circumstances** if you believe that you or your family’s 2019 income is no longer a fair representation of your current financial situation for 2021/22 FAFSA.

Please note:

The reason for the use of this form is that your Special Circumstance is due to a REDUCTION IN INCOME which impacted your 2020 or 2021 total earnings. Only significant income reductions change your financial aid eligibility.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please type or print clearly. You must clearly explain your Special Circumstance.

All items on this form must be completed.

This form will not be processed if any items are left blank, illegible, or if Federal Taxes are not signed.

Attach all required and supporting documentation to this form.

If clarification of your situation is necessary, additional information or documentation may be required.

Changes resulting from this review **do not** guarantee an increase in your aid since a loss of income may have little or no effect on your financial aid eligibility.

PART I – REASON FOR REQUEST

Please check the reason(s) for this review and provide the supporting documentation to the Financial Aid Office. Notification of the committee’s decision will be sent to you within 14 business days, depending on the volume of requests.

ALL COMMITTEE DECISIONS ARE FINAL Check the box (s) that apply below:

Reduction of Income for 2020

All Federal Tax Returns must be signed and include all W2’s

- ATTACH a copy of your 2020 **signed** Federal Tax Return. If married attach your spouse’s 2020 **signed** Federal Tax Return. If you are a considered a dependent student, you must also include your parents’ 2020 **signed** Federal Tax Return.
- ATTACH a detailed statement of explanation concerning your family’s loss of income to include all the items below:

- I was not required to file a 2020 (Provide statement with the reason you were not required to file).
- If you have zero income, in a detailed letter list and explain how ALL your expenses are currently being paid
- Unemployment Insurance Benefit Letter (s)

Reduction of Income for 2021

All Federal Tax Returns must be signed and include all W2’s

- ATTACH a copy of your 2021 **signed** Federal Tax Return. If married attach your spouse’s 2021 **signed** Federal Tax Return. If you are a considered a dependent student, you must also include your parents’ 2021 **signed** Federal Tax Return.
- ATTACH a detailed statement of explanation concerning your family’s loss of income to include all the items below:

- I was not required to file a 2021 (Provide statement with the reason you were not required to file).
- If you have zero income, in a detailed letter list and explain how ALL your expenses are currently being paid
- Unemployment Insurance Benefit Letter (s)

<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce of Student or Parent – ATTACH the following: <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of divorce decree <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of all student/ parent’s 2020 or 2021 signed Federal Tax Returns and all W-2’s for each tax year <input type="checkbox"/> Court orders which addresses the items below: <input type="checkbox"/> Settlements, Alimony and Child Support received or paid <input type="checkbox"/> If you have zero income, in a detailed letter list and explain how ALL your expenses are currently being paid
<input type="checkbox"/> Death of a Spouse or Parent After Applying for Aid – ATTACH the following: <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of your spouse’s or parent’s death certificate <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of your spouse’s or parent’s 2020 and/or 2021 signed Federal Tax Return and all W2s for each tax year <input type="checkbox"/> Official award letter of survivor benefits, including life insurance benefits, etc.

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PART III – SIGNATURE

All the information on this form, and the attachments submitted with it, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If asked, I will submit additional proof to verify the information I have provided. I understand that if I do not provide this information, my request for review of special circumstance will not be processed.

I also understand additional information may be requested at any time.

Student _____ **Date** _____

Parent _____ **Date** _____

(Required for dependent students)