

STUDENT AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

Request to revise financial aid eligibility due to Special Circumstances (Professional Judgment) 2026-2027

Complete this form only if you have had a **significant** change in income and would like a reevaluation of your eligibility based on either **actual 2025** or **estimated 2026** income (*NOTE: if your income change has occurred in 2025, paperwork cannot be submitted until it has been at least 6 months since your change in income occurred*).

PAPERWORK MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE SAME TIME.

Name: _____ STU ID#: _____

Which year would you like considered for this Special Circumstance?

☐ 2025 ☐ 2026

Whose income was reduced or will be reduced?

☐ Student ☐ Spouse ☐ Parent

What is the exact month/day/year you or your family member's financial situation changed? _____

Reason for the change: Check the box that applies to your situation and gather all the required documentation to verify your actual income for 2025 OR your estimated income for 2026. You will need to provide documentation for ALL of the following information that applies to your situation:

☐ **Unemployment**

Reason for unemployment: ☐ Layoff ☐ Termination ☐ Voluntary Resignation/Quit

Did you receive unemployment benefits? _____ If yes, gross weekly benefit amount _____

Documentation required: Layoff notice or Letter from former employer stating last day worked or termination/resignation letter and most recent unemployment payment statement (if received)

☐ **Work hours or hourly wage reduced**

Date new hours started: _____ New hourly wage: _____

Documentation required: Reduction of work hours notification and 2 most recent paystubs showing year to date (YTD) gross earnings

☐ **Divorce/ separation (after filing of original FAFSA application)**

Date of separation or divorce: _____

Documentation required: Court documentation regarding divorce decree or separation agreement, W2's for both parties, child support order (if received)

☐ **Death (after filing of original FAFSA application)**

Date of death: _____

Documentation required: Death certificate

☐ **One time income (such as 401K or pensions payments, L&I payments, inheritance, insurance settlement, combat pay)**

What type of funds did you receive: _____ When did you receive funds: _____

Documentation required: Statement detailing gross dollar amount received

****All students must provide a written statement explaining your situation and provide tax returns or tax transcripts for 2024 and 2025. If an appointment is necessary, you will be contacted. Incomplete packets will not be processed.***

Your signature certifies that the information on this form is close as possible to what is expected for the family income during 2025 or 2026.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

You MUST provide the requested documentation for ALL of the following that applies. Insufficient documentation will result in significant delays to the processing of your request.

- ☐ Final pay stub(s) for 2026 or W-2's for 2025 showing your year-to-date gross income. You must also provide final pay stubs and/or W-2's for spouse (if married) and/or parents (if dependent student). We must be able to physically document the end of year and/or year-to-date income for you (and your spouse if married and/or parent(s) if dependent).

****This documentation is REQUIRED.**

- ☐ Verification for last date of employment for all previous employers in 2024, 2025, and 2026. Acceptable documentation may include: Layoff notice, Reduction of work hours notification, Letter from employer (on letterhead) stating last day worked (generally obtained through a Human Resources office), or a Termination Letter. We must be able to physically document the last date of employment.

****This documentation is REQUIRED.**

- ☐ 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcripts: The IRS tax transcript must come from the IRS; to obtain a copy please visit www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript (may take up to 10 business days to receive through the mail).

****This documentation is REQUIRED.**

If your change in circumstances occurred in 2025 you must also provide a 2025 IRS Tax Return Transcript.

- ☐ Unemployment Verification: Provide your most recent unemployment information obtained from the Employment Security self-serve claimant portal at <https://secure.esd.wa.gov/home/>.

****This documentation is REQUIRED only if you have/had received Unemployment.**

- ☐ Documentation for Retirement Fund Cash Outs: Please provide all documentation for any of the following you have received: 401a, 401b or Deferred Compensation.

****This documentation is REQUIRED only if you have/had received these types of funds.**

- ☐ Other funding sources: Award letter(s) from Social Security, L&I payments, TANF, Veteran's Disability payments, and any other information to estimate your income (taxed or untaxed) for 2025 or the remainder of the 2026 year.

****This documentation is REQUIRED only if you have/had received these types of funds.**

Use the chart below to estimate your total income for the year 2025 or 2026. Dependent students whose parents have had the change in income should report the parent's income in the space provided for spouse's income.

	Actual Income 2025 OR 2026 Year to Date	Estimated 2026 Income through year end	TOTAL Actual for 2025 or projected for 2026
Wages Student			
Wages Spouse/Parent			
Unemployment Student			
Unemployment Spouse/Parent			
Other Taxable: Severance			
Sick leave buyout			
Retirement cash out			
Other			
Labor and Industries			
Social Security			
TANF/GAU			
Child Support/Maintenance			
OTHER (Disability/Retirement?)			
		GRAND TOTAL	

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_____ Accepted for professional judgment

_____ Change submitted in FPP, New ISIR generated

_____ Denied

NOTES: _____

FAO Signature: _____ Date: _____

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