



2021-2022 SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES APPEAL FORM

Student Name: _____ Student AU ID#: _____

PLEASE READ BELOW BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS FORM.

According to federal laws and regulations, a family's 2019 income is used to assess financial need for the 2021-2022 academic year. We appreciate that the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) may not present an accurate picture of your unique financial situation and resources available. If a family's 2020 or 2021 income is significantly lower due to special circumstances, a financial aid administrator may be able to use the 2020 or 2021 income to assess financial need.

This Special Circumstances Appeal Form allows you to supplement your FAFSA information or document any financial circumstances that have changed or arisen since your 2021-2022 FAFSA was filed. The Assumption University Financial Aid Appeals Committee will reevaluate your eligibility for additional federal, state or institutional aid in the context of the information you provide. Our financial aid staff may require further documentation and will work with your family to make sure you are receiving the fullest consideration for aid eligibility while adhering to federal, state, and institutional policies and guidelines.

Please check which Special Circumstance(s) apply to you (listed on the next page). *Any documentation listed as required but not submitted will cause a delay in reviewing your request.* Forms in **bold font** below can be found on the Office of Financial Aid website www.assumption.edu/FAforms.

Please keep in mind:

- The student/parent must complete the FAFSA and be admitted to the University before the Financial Aid Appeals Committee can review this appeal.
- Filing this form does not guarantee an adjustment to your financial aid offer.
- If your FAFSA was selected for [federal verification](#), you must complete that process before your appeal is reviewed.
- Decisions of the Appeals Committee are final. Further appeals will be reviewed when newer information or circumstances arise.

Special Circumstances do not include the following:

- Student or parent(s) who does not wish to borrow to cover educational expenses
- Parent(s) refusal to contribute to educational expenses
- Parent(s) payment of student loans for older sibling
- Expenses such as credit card debt, wedding expenses, sports, enrichment activities, etc.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I do not provide ALL the required documentation and proof of the information on this form to the Office of Financial Aid, the student CANNOT be evaluated for Special Circumstances. Due to the number of submissions we receive, we are unable to follow up on incomplete files.

I understand that outstanding charges must be paid by the due date regardless of submission of this form. By signing this sheet, I am stating that all sections of this form have been fully completed including all mandatory forms, i.e. Verification Worksheet and IRS Data Retrieval, and any required documents are submitted with this worksheet.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

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SELECT ALL THAT APPLY	IF...	THEN PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Income/Reduction in income in 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wages/Employment • Alimony • Child Support • Retirement/Pension • Social Security (taxed) • Worker's Compensation <p>Date of loss: _____</p>	<p>Your parents' 2020 income will be less than their earned 2019 income (dependent student)</p> <p>Your spouse's 2020 income will be less than their earned 2019 income (independent student)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2019 IRS Data Retrieval or signed 2019 Tax Return 1040 and all schedules. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 W-2 wage statements for all. <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 most recent paystub showing year to date earnings for person whose income is reduced/loss <input type="checkbox"/> Letter from employer documenting date of unemployment or reduction in wages <input type="checkbox"/> If loss of employment or reduction in wages, please complete the Unemployment Form-2020 <input type="checkbox"/> Income & Expense Clarification Form <input type="checkbox"/> Dependent Student Verification Worksheet or Independent Student Verification Worksheet
<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Employment/Reduction in Wages in 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wages/Employment • Alimony • Child Support • Retirement/Pension • Social Security (taxed) • Worker's Compensation <p>Date of loss: _____</p>	<p>Your parents' 2021 income will be less than their earned 2019 income (dependent student)</p> <p>Your spouse's 2021 income will be less than their earned 2019 income (independent student)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2019 IRS Data Retrieval or signed 2019 Tax Return 1040 and all schedules. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 W-2 wage statements for all. <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 most recent paystub showing year to date earnings for person whose income is reduced/lost <input type="checkbox"/> Letter from employer documenting date of unemployment or reduction in wages. <input type="checkbox"/> If loss of employment or reduction in wages, please complete the Unemployment Form-2021 (available in January 2021) <input type="checkbox"/> Income & Expense Clarification Form <input type="checkbox"/> Dependent Student Verification Worksheet or Independent Student Verification Worksheet

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<input type="checkbox"/> Separation/Divorce	<p>Your parents separated or divorced after filing 2019 taxes (dependent student)</p> <p>You and your spouse separated or divorced after filing 2019 taxes (independent student)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2019 signed Tax Return 1040 and all schedules. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 W-2 wage statements for all. <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce decree/separation agreement or proof of separate addresses. <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation showing division of all other income shown on tax return. <input type="checkbox"/> Income & Expense Clarification Form <input type="checkbox"/> Dependent Student Verification Worksheet or Independent Student Verification Worksheet
<input type="checkbox"/> One-time (lump sum) payment received	<p>A one-time, lump sum payment was received in 2019</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2019 signed Tax Return 1040 and all schedules. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 W-2 wage statements for all. Verification of Rollover (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> Death of a Parent (dependent student) <input type="checkbox"/> Death of a Spouse (independent student)	<p>A parent or spouse died after filing 2019 taxes</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2019 Signed Tax Return 1040 and all schedules. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 W-2 wage statements for all. <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation showing division of all other income shown on tax return. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicable death certificate. <input type="checkbox"/> Income & Expense Clarification Form <input type="checkbox"/> Dependent Student Verification Worksheet or Independent Student Verification Worksheet