

Special Circumstances Consideration

If you or your parents have experienced a significant and prolonged decline in family income, you might be eligible for additional financial aid funds for the current academic year. Financial aid advisors will work with your family to make sure you are receiving the most financial aid you are eligible to receive. See the chart below for examples of circumstances and documentation required. Contact financial aid for more info.

Special Circumstances and required documentation

Special Circumstance	Dependent Student	Independent Student	Required Documentation <i>for student (and spouse if married) or student and parents if dependent</i>
<p>For all income change requests</p> <p>(submit additional required documents depending on your specific loss of income)</p>	Your or your parent(s)' income for 2017-2018 will be less than it was in 2015.	Your (and your spouse's, if married) income in 2017-2018 will be less than what it was in 2015.	<p>For all requests, regardless of circumstance:</p> <p>Requests submitted on or after 6/1/2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 Federal IRS Tax Return - SIGNED • 2015 W-2 Wage Statements • 2016 Federal IRS Tax Return - SIGNED • 2016 W-2 Wage Statements <p>Requests submitted on or after 1/1/2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 Federal IRS Tax Return - SIGNED • 2015 W-2 Wage Statements • 2016 Federal IRS Tax Return - SIGNED • 2016 W-2 Wage Statements • 2017 Federal IRS Tax Return - SIGNED • 2017 W-2 Wage Statements
Loss of employment	Your or your parent(s)' income earned in 2016 or 2017 is less than what was earned in 2015.	Your (and your spouse's, if married) income earned in 2016 or 2017 is less than what was earned in 2015.	<p>Additional Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment Award Letter / Denial Letter • Last two pay stubs showing 2016 year-to-date earnings from each job • Termination / Change of Employment notice from employer on letterhead (date of status change must be included)
<p>Other Loss of Income</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alimony • Child Support • Retirement/Pension • Social Security (taxed) • Worker's Compensation 	You or your parent(s) received benefits in 2015 which have ceased or been reduced in 2016 or 2017.	You (and your spouse) received benefits in 2015 which have ceased or have been reduced in 2016 or 2017.	<p>Additional Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original 2015 Benefit statement listing total amount received • Revised 2016 Benefit statement and/or court documents listing updated amount to receive and effective date
Unusually Medical Expenses Not Reimbursed by Insurance	You or parent(s) paid unusually high medical expenses not covered by insurance.	You (and/or your spouse) paid unusually high medical expenses not covered by insurance.	<p>Additional Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of medical bills paid and not reimbursed by insurance (statement showing insurance declined) • Bank statement showing paid medical bills
Marriage	You married AFTER filing the FAFSA.	Not applicable.	<p>Additional Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriage Certificate
Separation or Divorce	Your parents separated or divorced AFTER filing the FAFSA.	You and your spouse separated or divorced AFTER filing the FAFSA.	<p>Additional Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divorce Decree or separation agreement or legal court document

Death of a Parent or Spouse	A parent has passed away AFTER filing the FAFSA.	Your spouse has passed away AFTER filing the FAFSA.	Additional Documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified death certificate
Adverse family situation to be considered independent for financial aid purposes	You are under 24 but cannot provide parent info due to extenuating circumstances	Not applicable	Documentation showing extenuating circumstances that prevent you from providing parent information on your FAFSA