



2023-2024 Application for Professional Judgment- Independent Student

According to federal laws and regulations, a family's 2021 income is used to assess financial need for the 2023-2024 school year. If a family's 2022 or 2023 income is lower, due to special circumstances, a financial aid administrator may be able to use 2022 or 2023 income to assess financial need. **Note:** Your professional judgment application will be returned if all requested information outlined is not provided. Special circumstances, if accepted, may result in an increase in need-based loans, student employment, or in certain cases, additional grant assistance. *Turnaround time for professional judgment appeals is 2-4 weeks.*

| STUDENT INFORMATION | | | |
|--|----------------|-------|--------------|
| Last Name | First Name | M.I. | Student ID # |
| Permanent Street Address | City | State | Zip Code |
| Phone Number | E-mail Address | | |
| SECTION 1: CHANGE IN HOUSEHOLD SIZE that occurred after filling your FAFSA. All listed documents must be submitted. | | | |
| DEATH OF Spouse | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attach an IRS Tax Return Transcript of your 2021 Federal Income Tax Return, including W-2 statements for both you and your spouse, if not already provided. If you have already provided your/spouse's tax return check this box: <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please provide a written statement indicating date of death. | | | |
| DIVORCE OR SEPARATION OF STUDENT AND SPOUSE | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attach an IRS Tax Return Transcript of your 2021 Federal Income Tax Return, including W-2 statements for both you and your spouse, if not already provided. | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attach a copy of the divorce decree or proof of separation (e.g., court order, statement from attorney or clergy). | | | |
| SECTION 2: EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES All listed documents must be submitted. | | | |
| PRIVATE TUITION EXPENSES AT ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attach a copy of the 2022 or 2023 tuition statement, outlining costs and financial aid awarded, for each dependent child attending private elementary or secondary school (do not include expenses for the child who will be enrolling in college in 2023-2024). | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> If you are divorced or separated, and the non-custodial parent provides assistance toward the private tuition at the elementary or secondary school(s), provide a statement indicating the amount of assistance. | | | |
| SECTION 3: MEDICAL/DENTAL/DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES not reimbursed or covered by insurance | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide receipts itemizing 2022 or 2023 out-of-pocket medical, dental, or dependent care expenses you paid (not reimbursed by insurance or by employer's pre-tax cafeteria plan) for health/dental insurance premiums, doctor, hospital, medication, dependent care, nursing home expenses, etc. Please total all expenses after they are detailed. | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attach an IRS Tax Return Transcript of your 2021 Federal Income Tax Return, including Schedule A if you itemized deductions, if not already provided. | | | |

SECTION 4: CHANGE IN INCOME All listed documents must be submitted.

I want adjustments to be made based on income for: _____ 2022 _____ 2023

2022: If there is a change in income for **2022** due to Disability of Student/Spouse; Unemployment of Student/Spouse; a Business or Farm Bankruptcy, Foreclosure or Natural Disaster; or a Reduction in Earnings or Loss of Other Income: **submit a written statement outlining the circumstances why you want adjustments made and submit copies of the 2022 Tax Return AND W2's.**

2023: If there is a change in income for **2023** due to Disability of Student/Spouse; Unemployment of Student/Spouse; a Business or Farm Bankruptcy, Foreclosure or Natural Disaster; or a Reduction in Earning or Loss of Other Income: **submit a written statement outlining the circumstances why you want adjustment made; complete the Income Source Table below; and submit copies of ALL income to date for 2022.**

***If you are using an estimated income for 2023, adjustments will not begin being made until after July 1, 2023.*

| | Actual: | Estimated: | Total: |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 | 1/1/23 to Today's Date | Today's Date to 12/31/23 | Actual plus Estimated |
| Student's gross earnings from work (wages, salary, tips, etc.) * | | | |
| Spouse's gross earnings from work (wages, salary, tips, etc.) * | | | |
| Business/Farm Income | | | |
| Interest/Dividend Income. Specify source and value: _____ \$ _____ | | | |
| Unemployment Compensation | | | |
| Severance Pay | | | |
| Capital Gains | | | |
| Spousal Maintenance | | | |
| Child Support: Paid Received (Circle Appropriate Option) | | | |
| Taxable Social Security Benefits | | | |
| Worker's Compensation | | | |
| Withdrawal from retirement account | | | |
| Other Income (pension, annuity, rental income, housing allowance, bonuses, etc. | | | |

*Attach most recent paystub(s) for you and your spouse when submitting your appeal.

SECTION 5: Sign this Worksheet

By signing this worksheet, I certify that all the information reported on this form is complete and correct.

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

Student Signature

Date