



2025-2026 Application for Professional Judgment- Dependent Student

According to federal laws and regulations, a family’s 2023 income is used to assess financial need for the 2025-2026 school year. If a family’s 2024 or 2025 income is lower, due to special circumstances, a financial aid administrator may be able to use 2024 or 2025 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 PARENT/GUARDIAN

Attach an IRS Tax Return Transcript of your Parents’ 2023 Federal Income Tax Return, including W-2 statements for both parents, if not already provided.

Please provide a written statement indicating your parent’s name and date of death.

DIVORCE OR SEPARATION OF PARENTS

Attach an IRS Tax Return Transcript of your Parents’ 2023 Federal Income Tax Return, **including** W-2 statements for both parents, if not already provided.

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

Attach a copy of the 2024 or 2025 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 2025-2026).

If your parents 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.

PARENT ATTENDING COLLEGE IN 2025-2026

College costs can only be taken into consideration if the parent is enrolled at least half-time and in a program that leads to a degree or certificate.

Provide name of college parent (will) attend(s)

Provide proof of registration/admission from the college parent (will) attend(s).

Attach a tuition fee statement or a cost worksheet outlining the tuition/fees parent will be assessed in 2025-2026.

Indicate the amount your parent’s employer will provide towards their college costs for the 2025-2026 school year.
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If your parent is applying for financial aid or is receiving assistance from an agency (e.g. rehabilitation services, job partnership training act, veteran’s benefits, etc.) please provide written documentation from the school and/or funding agency.

Riverland is asking you to provide information that includes private and/or confidential information under state and federal law. Riverland is asking for this information in order to process this form. You are not legally required to provide the information we are requesting; however, the college may not be able to effectively process this form without it.

SECTION 3: MEDICAL/DENTAL/DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES not reimbursed or covered by insurance

Provide receipts itemizing 2024 or 2025 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.

Attach an IRS Tax Return Transcript of parents' 2023 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 _____ 2024 _____ 2025

2024: If there is a change in income for 2024 due to Disability of Parent/Student; Unemployment of Parent/Student, 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 2024 Tax Return AND W2's.**

2025: If there is a change in income for 2025 due to Disability of Parent/Student; Unemployment of Parent/Student, 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; complete the Income Source Table below; and submit copies of all income to date for 2025.**

**** If you are using an estimated income for 2025, adjustments will not begin being made until after July 1, 2025.**

INCOME SOURCE TABLE

	Actual:	Estimated:	Total:
January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025	1/1/25 to Today's Date	Today's Date to 12/31/24	Actual plus Estimated
Mother's gross earnings from work (wages, salary, tips, etc.) *			
Father's gross earnings from work (wages, salary, tips, etc.) *			
Student'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.)			

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
Parent Signature	Date