

Special Circumstances Request

If you or your family have experienced significant changes in income or your circumstances that are not reflected on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you may be eligible for a professional judgment. A professional judgment allows a financial aid office to adjust certain elements on the FAFSA to account for circumstances that have not been adequately considered. Special circumstances are considered on a case-by-case basis and to ensure fairness and compliance with federal, state and university regulations, there are limits to the circumstances we can consider.

Name _____ Campus ID _____

Academic year(s) to review (i.e. 2024-25, 2025-26, etc) _____

Loss of taxed income or job (attach signed copy of most recently filed federal tax return with applicable schedules)

Experienced by student

Experienced by parent of dependent student named on this form

Medical/Dental bills not covered by insurance

Insurance premiums

Reduction or Loss of untaxed income

Death of parent/spouse

Childcare costs for student's dependents

Expenses not included in cost of attendance (must be directly related to education)

Other: _____

We appreciate that this may be a difficult situation and therefore stressful or uncomfortable to share, but we ask that you please provide a detailed statement so we can better understand your situation. If you need more space, please use the second page.

Upon review of your statement, we may find it necessary to request additional information. Because of funding limits, please be aware that a recalculation of your financial aid eligibility does not guarantee any additional financial aid will be offered to you, but our team will notify you of any change resulting from your special circumstance.

Student Signature (if emailed from wisc.edu, signature not required)

Date

Parent signature (if applicable)

Date