

# Unusual Circumstance Request

Name \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ UW Campus ID # \_\_\_\_\_  
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If you have experienced an unusual circumstance that is not reflected on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®), you may be eligible for a professional judgment. Through professional judgment, a financial aid office may adjust a student's dependency status for an unusual circumstance to better reflect their current situation. Requests 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 that can be considered.

Academic year(s) to review (i.e. 2026-27, 2027-28, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Check any that apply.

☐ Human Trafficking

☐ Parental Abandonment

☐ Refugee Status

☐ Parental Incarceration

☐ Asylum Status

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Documentation for unusual circumstances is required** and will vary depending on your situation. This can include things like court or police records or a statement from a third-party familiar with your situation, such as a counselor or teacher. If you have any questions about this requirement, contact our team.

Upon review of your statement and documentation, we may find it necessary to request additional information or speak with you.

Because of funding limits, be aware that a recalculation of your 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 unusual circumstance.

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**Student Signature -**

**Must be signed. Use Adobe Acrobat E-Sign.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed/Typed Name

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Date