

Unusual Circumstances Request

If you have experienced unique circumstances that are not reflected on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®), your unusual circumstances may be eligible for a professional judgment. A professional judgment allows a financial aid office to make an adjustment to a student's dependency status for unusual circumstances that have not been adequately considered. Unusual 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) _____

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 please provide a detailed statement so we can better understand your situation. If you need more space, please use the second page. Documentation for unusual circumstances is required and will vary depending on your unique situation. We ask that you provide applicable documentation, such as court records and police records OR a statement from a third-party familiar with your situation, such as a counselor or teacher. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Upon review of your statement, we may find it necessary to speak with you or 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