

A Second Look:

Appealing Your Aid Award When Family Finances Shift

If you or your parents have experienced a change in circumstances or you feel that your FAFSA doesn't tell the whole story about your family's financial situation, we might be able to reconsider your aid award!



Here are some examples of reasons or circumstances that can lead to a re-evaluation of your aid package:

- Job loss of a family member or an independent student
- Medical, dental, or nursing home expenses not covered by insurance
- Tuition expenses at an elementary or secondary school
- A student becoming homeless
- Divorce or separation after FAFSA has been submitted

If any of these apply to you, follow these three steps:

1

File your FAFSA

If you've already submitted the [FAFSA](#), skip to Step 2.

2

Contact our office, and provide any documents or information we ask for.

Once we've received this, we'll review the information to see if we can use "professional judgment" to adjust your award. We can consider situations that are extenuating and are having a significant impact on your family's finances. When you contact our office, we ask you to provide some details about the situation and may also ask you for some documentation of what's happening. **Send it in as quickly as possible!**

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Keep an eye on your email.

After we have reviewed the form we'll email you to let you know if we need more information or whether or not we were able to award you additional funds. If you don't hear from us in 3 weeks, please feel free to check in on the status of your financial aid appeal.

We're here for you.

We've reviewed many appeals for our students, and we understand how changes in your family's finances can cause stress and anxiety. We are here to guide you through the process—please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

**Don't forget to list
our FAFSA Code:**

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