



SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE REQUEST

Student Name _____ Student ID Number _____

We recognize that the FAFSA may not always portray a clear picture of your financial situation. Although consideration for specific situations is limited, we may be able to give additional consideration for certain situations. Submitting an appeal for special circumstances does not guarantee an adjustment will be made to your aid package. Decisions are final and will be communicated directly to the student.

Section A - Special Circumstances for Consideration - Please review and indicate which Special Circumstance applies to you. Documentation listed as **required** but not submitted along with this form will cause a delay in our ability to review your request until every required document has been received. Additional documentation that helps support your appeal, even if not listed as required, may be requested. **Once you have all required documents please call our office to make an appointment at (559) 442-8245. Please make sure you list your FCC Student ID number at the top of all submitted documents.**

Required Documentation:

- **Explanation of Special Circumstances (see section B)**
- **2021 and 2022 Federal IRS Tax Returns**
- **2021 and 2022 W-2 Wage Statements**

Special Circumstance	For a Dependent Student	For an Independent Student	Required Documentation <i>for student (and spouse if married) or student and parents if dependent</i>
Loss of employment	Your or your parent(s)' income earned in 2022 was less than what was earned in 2021.	Your (and your spouse's, if married) income earned in 2022 was less than what was earned in 2021.	Additional Documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment Award Letter / Denial Letter • Last two pay stubs showing 2023 year-to-date earnings from each job • Termination / Change of Employment notice from each employer on letterhead (date of status change must be included)
Other Loss of Income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alimony • Child Support • Social Security (taxed) • Worker's Compensation 	You or your parent(s) received benefits in 2021 which have ceased or been reduced in 2022. Your or parent(s) paid expenses not covered by insurance and are over the expected cost of attendance.	You (and your spouse) received benefits in 2021 which have ceased or have been reduced in 2022. You (and/or your spouse) paid expenses not covered by insurance and are over the expected cost of attendance.	Additional Documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original 2022 Benefit statement listing total amount received • Revised 2022 Benefit statement and/or court documents listing updated amount to receive and effective date
Marriage	You married AFTER filing FAFSA	Not applicable	Additional Documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriage Certificate • Proof of Residence / Parents' residence (PG&E Statement/mortgage statement)
Separation or Divorce	Your parents separated or divorced AFTER filing the FAFSA.	You and your spouse separated or divorced AFTER filing the FAFSA.	Additional Documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divorce Decree or separation agreement or legal court document
Death of a Parent or Spouse	A parent has passed away AFTER filing the FAFSA.	Your spouse has passed away AFTER filing the FAFSA.	Additional Documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified death certificate • Students Birth Certificate

