

Federal Financial Aid Special/Unusual Circumstances

Federal financial aid is based on definitions and formula determined by the U.S. Department of Education. If one of the following scenario applies to the student, the student may speak with a financial aid counselor to determine if their financial aid eligibility may be recalculated to consider the unusual circumstance. Please note that a request for consideration of a special/unusual circumstance does not guarantee approval. In addition, even if approved, a recalculation does not always result in increased eligibility for the student.

Financial Loss (Loss of Income)

- Death of a parent since the FAFSA was filed
- Divorce/separation of parent since the FAFSA was filed
- Parent loss of job/income
- Parent loss of untaxed income

Dependency Status

- Abandonment
- Abusive situation
- Death of parents after completing the FAFSA
- An otherwise dependent student who has previously been married and is now separated or divorced and has maintained his/her own residence and support