

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 scenarios 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
- National disaster with financial impact

Dependency Status

- Abandonment
- Abusive situation
- Death of parents after completing the FAFSA