

Federal Financial Aid Special/Unusual Circumstances

Federal financial aid is based on definitions and formula determined by the U.S. Department of Education. In accordance with federal regulations, special/unusual circumstance considerations are made on a case-by-case basis. 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.

Students may speak with a financial aid counselor to determine if their financial aid eligibility may be recalculated to consider their unusual circumstances. Examples of unusual circumstances can include the following:

Financial Loss (Loss of Income)

- Death of a parent since the FAFSA was filed
- Divorce/separation of parent since the FAFSA was filed
- Reduction or Loss of Income
- Loss of Untaxed Income
- National disaster with financial impact

Dependency Status

- Parental abandonment
- Abusive situation
- Parental incarceration