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2025-2026 Special Circumstances Application

The Department of Education allows Financial Aid Administrators to consider Special Circumstances that have occurred after the student/spouse and/or parent(s) have submitted an initial 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The submission of this form is a request for the Office of Financial Aid to review special circumstances of loss/reduction in income, change in marital status, death of a spouse/parent, unusual medical expenses, or other unforeseen circumstances. This form must contain supporting documentation before a request can be considered. **All decisions are FINAL. Applications are processed as quickly as possible, but may take 7-14 business days during peak periods (June-August). Please be aware that not all special circumstances adjustments result in additional financial aid. If your application has not been processed prior to your bill due date, it is your responsibility to make alternative payment arrangements, if necessary.**

A. STUDENT INFORMATION

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Student ID Number
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Email Address			Phone Number

B. DESCRIPTIOIN OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSATNCES (REQUIRED)

All Students: Please explain in detail the change in your and/or your family’s financial situation.

If more space is needed for your explanation, attach an additional page. Include your name, your DSU ID, handwritten signature(s), and the date(s) of the signature(s).

C. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (REQUIRED)

IMPORTANT: All verification and/or Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements listed on the myDSU portal under Financial Aid>Home (Award year 2025-26) must be completed prior to review of this Special Circumstances Application.

Please answer **ALL** questions for each applicable circumstance and submit **ALL** required supporting documentation with this application to prevent processing delays.

Check applicable circumstance(s)	Complete all blanks for each circumstance checked. <i>If additional space is needed, attach an additional page.</i>	Required Supporting Documentation Checklist Use this checklist to ensure that all required documentation is submitted with your application. <i>"You" and "your" refers to the individual(s) who experienced the circumstance.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of employment resulting in total unemployment	Name of person(s) who experienced a loss of employment: _____ _____ Last date worked: ____/____/____ Have unemployment benefits been received as a result? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Has severance pay been received as a result? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 2025-2026 V1 Verification Worksheet, <input type="checkbox"/> IRS Data Retrieval Tool, 2023 Federal Tax Return Transcript(s), or signed 2023 1040 tax forms for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married), <input type="checkbox"/> 2024 Federal Tax Return Transcript (s) or signed 2024 1040 tax forms for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married), <input type="checkbox"/> 2023 & 2024 W-2 Forms/1099-Forms/benefit statements for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married), <input type="checkbox"/> Last 2 pay stubs showing year-to-date earnings, <input type="checkbox"/> If married, at least 2 of your spouse's most recent paystubs, <input type="checkbox"/> Letter(s) from your former employer stating the last date of employment, <input type="checkbox"/> Benefit notice from employment office (proof of unemployment), if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction in earnings	Name of person(s) who experienced a reduction in earnings: _____ _____ Date Reduction in Earnings began: ____/____/____ Start date of new job, if applicable: ____/____/____ Return to work date, if applicable: ____/____/____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2025-2026 V1 Verification Worksheet, <input type="checkbox"/> IRS Data Retrieval Tool, 2023 Federal Tax Return Transcript(s), or signed 2023 1040 tax forms for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married), <input type="checkbox"/> 2024 Federal Tax Return Transcript (s) or signed 2024 1040 tax forms for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married), <input type="checkbox"/> 2023 & 2024 W-2 Forms/1099-Forms/benefit statements for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married) <input type="checkbox"/> Last 2 pay stubs showing year-to-date earnings, <input type="checkbox"/> If married, at least 2 of your spouse's most recent paystubs, <input type="checkbox"/> Letter(s) from your former employer stating the last date of employment, <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or 3 of your most recent 2025 pay stubs from your current employer, if applicable, <input type="checkbox"/> Benefit notice from employment office (proof of unemployment), if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Loss of Income <input type="radio"/> Alimony <input type="radio"/> Child Support <input type="radio"/> Retirement or Pension <input type="radio"/> Social Security (taxed) <input type="radio"/> Worker's Compensation	Name of person(s) who experienced a loss of other income: _____ _____ Date Benefit(s) began: ____/____/____ Date Benefit(s) ended: ____/____/____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2025-2026 V1 Verification Worksheet, <input type="checkbox"/> IRS Data Retrieval Tool, 2023 Federal Tax Return Transcript(s), or signed 2023 1040 tax forms for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married), <input type="checkbox"/> 2024 Federal Tax Return Transcript (s) or signed 2024 1040 tax forms for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married), <input type="checkbox"/> 2023 & 2024 W-2 Forms/1099-Forms/benefit statements for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married), <input type="checkbox"/> 2024 benefit statement listing total amount received, <input type="checkbox"/> 2025 benefit statement listing updated amount to receive and effective date

Check applicable circumstance(s)	Complete all blanks for each circumstance checked. <i>If additional space is needed, attach an additional page.</i>	Required Supporting Documentation Checklist Use this checklist to ensure that all required documentation is submitted with your application. <i>"You" and "your" refers to the individual(s) who experienced the circumstance.</i>
<input type="radio"/> One-Time Lump Sum 401K/pension withdrawal included in 2023 adjusted gross income	Name of person(s) who received this income: _____ _____ Amount of Lump Sum received in 2023: \$ _____ Were additional funds withdrawn in 2024 or 2025? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 2025-2026 V1 Verification Worksheet, <input type="checkbox"/> IRS Data Retrieval Tool, 2023 Federal Tax Return Transcript(s), or signed 2023 1040 tax forms for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married), <input type="checkbox"/> 2024 Federal Tax Return Transcript (s) or signed 2024 1040 tax forms for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married), <input type="checkbox"/> 2023 W-2 Forms/1099-Forms/benefit statements for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married), <input type="checkbox"/> Documents detailing One-Time Payment Amount, source, and reason, <input type="checkbox"/> You (and your spouse's, if married) 2023 Form 1099-R(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Death of FAFSA parent <u>or</u> spouse (<u>after</u> the FAFSA was filed) <input type="checkbox"/>	Name of deceased: _____ Date of death: ____/____/____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2025-2026 V1 Verification Worksheet, <input type="checkbox"/> IRS Data Retrieval Tool, 2023 Federal Tax Return Transcript(s), or signed 2023 1040 tax forms for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married), <input type="checkbox"/> 2023 W-2 Forms/1099-Forms/benefit statements for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married), <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of death certificate or published obituary if death certificate is not available
<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce or legal separation (<u>after</u> the FAFSA was filed)	Are you separated or divorced? <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced Date of separation/divorce: ____/____/____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2025-2026 V1 Verification Worksheet, <input type="checkbox"/> IRS Data Retrieval Tool, 2023 Federal Tax Return Transcript(s), or signed 2023 1040 tax forms for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married), <input type="checkbox"/> 2023 W-2 Forms/1099-Forms/benefit statements for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married), <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce decree or separation agreement or proof of separate addresses (mortgage/lease/power of water bill)
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical/dental expenses paid out-of-pocket (not paid by insurance or by using FSA/HSA accounts)	Name of person who paid the medical expenses: _____ Choose applicable year (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Total out-of-pocket expenses paid in 2024: \$ _____ <div style="text-align: center;">-OR-</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Total out-of-pocket expenses paid in 2025: \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2025-2026 V1 Verification Worksheet, <input type="checkbox"/> IRS Data Retrieval Tool, 2023 Federal Tax Return Transcript(s), or signed 2023 1040 tax forms for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married), <input type="checkbox"/> 2023 W-2 Forms/1099-Forms/benefit statements for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married), <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of medical/dental bills paid out of pocket. Documentation may include: paid receipts, a payment history from each medical/dental provider, bank statements, or cleared checks. An Explanation of Benefits (EOB) is not acceptable. <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule A from your Federal Tax Return (2024 or 2025), if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/> Private School Tuition for a child	Name(s) of child(ren) for whom tuition was paid: _____ _____ Choose applicable academic year (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Total out-of-pocket tuition paid in academic year 2025-2026: \$ _____ <div style="text-align: center;">-OR-</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Total out-of-pocket tuition paid in academic year 2026-2027: \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2025-2026 V1 Verification Worksheet, <input type="checkbox"/> IRS Data Retrieval Tool, 2023 Federal Tax Return Transcript(s), or signed 2023 1040 tax forms for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married), <input type="checkbox"/> 2023 W-2 Forms/1099-Forms/benefit statements for student and parent(s), or student and spouse (if married), <input type="checkbox"/> Receipts and/or statements from school(s) for applicable academic year (2024-2025 or 2025-2026) indicating the amounts paid out-of-pocket and for whom.

D. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE REQUIRED

By signing this worksheet, I (we) certify that all the information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet I may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

Print Student's Name

Student's ID Number

Student's Signature (Required)

Date

Parent's Signature – Dependent Students (Required)

Date

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