

**2020-2021 Independent
Special Circumstances Request for Income Reduction**

Student's Name: _____ SSN: _____

Check one condition which best describes the change in your financial situation. Sign below, and ATTACH ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION.

Step 1: Reason for Income Reduction

Check the reason for the reduction in your family's income:

1. Unemployment or change in employment which has drastically reduced your and (or) your spouse's income.

If you select option "1," you must submit all of the items below:

- Personal signed and dated letter of explanation of change in financial situation that includes the twelve-month period for which you are requesting consideration for income reduction.
- 2018 Federal Income Tax Transcript (student and spouse if applicable) If the IRS data retrieval tool was used and there is a "02" response on the ISIR, the transcripts can be omitted.
- 2018 W-2's (student and spouse if applicable)
- Monetary determination letter from Unemployment (if no Unemployment was earned at any time, please confirm in your personal statement)
- 2020 year to date pay stubs (student and spouse if applicable) **or** 2019 Federal Income Tax Transcript (student and spouse if applicable) and 2019 W-2's (student and spouse if applicable)
- 2020-2021 Independent Household Information Worksheet
- 2020-2021 Independent Filing Status Worksheet

****Submit doctor's statement detailing length and type of disability if applicable****

2. You have already completed the FAFSA and since that time your marital status has changed (Marriage, Separation, Divorce or Death)

If you select option "2," you must submit all of the items below:

- Personal signed and dated letter of explanation of change in financial situation
- Copy of marriage license, legal separation documentation, divorce decree, death certificate or obituary
- 2018 Federal tax transcript (student and spouse if applicable)
- 2018 W-2's (student and spouse if applicable)
- 2020-2021 Independent Household Information Worksheet
- 2020-2021 Independent Filing Status Worksheet

3. One-time income (examples: inheritance, IRA or pension distribution)

If you select option "3," you must submit all of the items below:

- Personal signed and dated letter of explanation - including how funds were spent
- 2018 Federal Income Tax Return (student and spouse if applicable),
- 2018 W-2's (student and spouse if applicable)
- Documentation identifying source of one time income.
- 2020-2021 Independent Household Information Worksheet
- 2020-2021 Independent Filing Status Worksheet

4. Program requirements in your field of study restrict the number of hours you can work for all or part of 2020-2021. *If you select option "4," you must submit the following:*
- Personal signed and dated letter confirming income while enrolled in this program.
 - Last paystub confirming income (if applicable).
 - Have the statement below filled out below by your program advisor:

“This student's academic program _____ restricts employment from _____ to _____. This restriction is not listed in published program literature.”

Program Advisor Signature: _____

Program Advisor Name (Printed): _____

Step 2: Complete the anticipated income for Jan 1 through Dec 31 (2019 or 2020)

2019/2020 Income Estimation Table	Source of 2019/2020 Income	Student	Spouse
Annual 2019/2020 Earnings		\$	\$
*Other Taxable Income		\$	\$
**Nontaxable Income		\$	\$
TOTAL 2019/2020 Income		\$	\$

* **Other Taxable Income** includes unemployment compensation, disability benefits, interest and dividend income, real estate income, capital gains/losses, alimony, pensions, and all other taxable income (submit appropriate documentation)

** **Nontaxable Income** includes TANF, social security benefits, child support and all other non-taxable income

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE:

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide proof of the information that I have given in this form. I also realize that if I do not provide required proof, my request for special circumstances will not be processed.

The person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct

<p>WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.</p>

Student Signature (Required)

Date (Required)

NOTE: Additional documentation may be requested before a determination can be made.