

College Student Special Circumstances Appeal Form 2026-2027

Student First Name _____ Student Last Name _____
Student Birthdate _____ Student ID _____

The Office of Financial Aid individually reviews each application for financial aid eligibility. We realize that sometimes the formal applications may not capture some of the extenuating financial circumstances which impact a family's finances. In order to provide you with financial aid based on your particular situation, we ask that you provide further explanation of your special circumstances on this form.

Please check the box representing your family's situation, as listed below, and provide the requested documents in addition to a detailed statement outlining your family's special circumstances.

___ Loss or reduction of employment

- ✓ Statement from employer explaining termination/decrease in hours
- ✓ Most recent (or final) pay stub demonstrating this change along with previous paystub showing typical income
- ✓ If applicable, information on severance payments from employer
- ✓ If applicable, unemployment benefits statement
- ✓ 2025 Federal Tax Return, including all schedules and W-2 Forms (if appeal submitted after January 1st, 2026)

___ Business Losses, Please submit the requested documentation that best reflects your situation:

- ✓ Last six months of business bank account statements showing reduction of business income
- ✓ General ledgers showing reduction of business income
- ✓ If applicable, quarterly tax filing documents (i.e. Form 941) showing staffing/payroll reduction

___ One-time, non-recurring income (pension payout, inheritance, employer reimbursements)

- ✓ Documentation of distribution and explanation of one-time payout

___ Medical or dental expenses (out-of-pocket) in excess of 11% of your parent(s) Adjusted Gross Income

- ✓ Documentation of excessive costs not covered by insurance
- ✓ If costs were incurred in 2025, include the 2025 Federal Tax Return, including all schedules and W-2 Forms

Please help us understand more about your financial situation by detailing here or attaching additional sheets.

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Please use our secure upload feature to submit this form, your statement and all supporting documents to your account in my.UChicago.edu.

Signature_____

Date_____