



Student Special Financial Circumstances

ON THE FAFSA

What should I do if I have special financial circumstances?



If you or your family have experienced a **significant change in your financial circumstances** (between now and the time you and/or your parents filed taxes two years prior), submit a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form as instructed and then notify the Financial Aid Office(s) at the postsecondary institution(s) you listed on the FAFSA. **The Financial Aid Office may take these special financial circumstances into account and adjust your FAFSA information.** Your school(s) may ask you to document your special circumstances so that they can consider making an adjustment to your FAFSA information.



Examples of **special financial circumstances** may include the following:

- significant changes to your financial situation, such as loss of employment or pay cuts
- tuition expenses at an elementary or secondary school
- high amounts of medical or dental expenses not covered by insurance
- a family member who recently became unemployed, injured on the job, or disabled
- other changes in income or assets that may affect your eligibility for federal student aid



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