



# Student Special Financial Circumstances

## >>> FAFSA PROCESS

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 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

