



2025-2026 Financial Aid Special Circumstances Form: Prospective Student

At Washington University we recognize that each family's financial circumstances are unique. Your family's specific situation may have recently changed and affected your ability to pay for college. We are happy to consider these new circumstances and invite you to share this information with us.

Please complete the following for a formal review of your student's financial information.

2025-2026 Perspective Student

Student's Information

Name _____ Birth Date _____

City, State _____ Phone Number _____

Student Email Address _____

Parent Name(s) _____

Parent(s) Email Address _____

Person completing this request: Student Parent

Reason for Request: Check all boxes that apply to your situation and submit the recommended supporting documents. **If you are providing us with multiple supporting documents, please be sure to submit them all together.**

Please Check	Special Circumstance:	Recommended Supporting Documents
	Loss of employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of last/most recent paystub with YTD earnings • Termination/separation notice from employer • Severance statement (if applicable) • Estimated income for remainder of current year
	Significant changes in income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detail explanation. Submit tax return.
	One-time income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification (ie. IRA distribution, sale of property, inheritance, 1099 form, etc.). • Detailed explanation of how income was used
	Medical expenses (not previously reported)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation of situation and estimate of out of pocket medical expenses paid • Estimate of future out of pocket medical expenses
	Extended Family Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation including name and relationship of person(s) and documentation of financial support for family members living outside of family household
	Unusual Expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation of education expenses of parents(s) • Description of circumstances related to expense • Copy of receipts, statements (if applicable)
	Marital Separation/Divorce of Parents Note: Parents must live in separate residences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation of separation, divorce, or verification of separate residences • Documentation of child support, family support, or maintenance support. Include support that is received or anticipated to be received.
	Death of parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of any life insurance to be received
	Other circumstance not covered above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe and provide supporting documentation of circumstances, including details of how this impacts your family's contribution to college expenses.



Step 2: Explanation of Special Circumstances – Provide a detailed explanation of the reason for your request. Attach additional page(s), if necessary.

Step 3: Signature

I certify that the information provided on this Financial Aid Special Circumstances Form is accurate and complete as of the signature date. I understand that this request does not guarantee a change(s) to the financial aid award and does not release me from payment of any balance due on the student's account.

Signature of person completing request:

Date: _____

Requests are typically reviewed within two weeks of receipt. If additional information is requested, additional review time will be needed. Our response to your review will be sent to the email address of the person completing this request.

Please return this form and your supporting documents by uploading to your WashU Pathway at <https://financialaid.wustl.edu/financial-aid-portal/>