

Federal regulations **require** the Office of Student Financial Aid to use **2024 financial information** from the FAFSA when determining financial need for the **2026-2027 school year**. This form may be used if you feel that the FAFSA does not adequately reflect your financial condition for the **2026 tax year**.

Please complete all three sections of this petition with estimated 2026 family income and return it to the Office of Student Financial Aid with the required documentation. Please complete in blue or black ink.

NOTE: Your request cannot be reviewed until all supporting documentation for the situation is received.

Section 1: Student & Parent Information

Student Name (Last, First, M.I.)

Student ECU (Banner) ID

Student Spouse (Last, First, M.I.)

Parent/Stepparent Name (Last, First, M.I.)

Parent/Stepparent Name (Last, First, M.I.)

Parent and/or Student Phone Number

Section 2: (please check all that apply)

_____ **Loss of job(s) or benefit income** – Student, spouse, or parent(s) has lost employment (due to layoff, termination, or involuntary resignation) since the last tax year reported on most recent FAFSA.

1. Who has lost earning? Name: _____ Relationship to student: _____
2. Dates of lost or reduced earnings: from _____ to _____
3. Benefit lost: _____

type	amount
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4. Requested Documentation:
 - Written explanation of situation including **estimate of 2026 family income**.
 - Evidence of loss of employment (termination notice or signed official letter from employer on company letterhead).
 - Evidence of loss of benefits (court decisions, letters of denial).
 - **Most recent copy of 2026 pay stubs.**
 - Copy of unemployment check(s) or pay stubs (or letter stating that unemployment was denied).
 - Copy of 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript **OR** a signed copy of 2024 Income Tax Return and All Schedules completed, **AND** All 2024 W2s (**Parents and Student**).
 - Completed 2026-2027 Dependent or Independent Verification form.

_____ **One-time nonrecurring income** – Student, spouse, or parent(s) received a one-time lump sum (such as inheritance, retirement, IRA distribution, etc.) that was reported on the 2026-2027 FAFSA but is not expected to reoccur in **2026**.

1. Who received the one-time income? Name: _____ Relationship to student: _____
2. Requested Documentation:
 - Written explanation of situation.
 - Official evidence of one-time income (legal forms, financial statements, etc.).
 - Signed statement that identifies the source of income and how the funds were spent or invested.
 - Copy of 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript **OR** a signed copy of 2024 Income Tax Return and All Schedules completed, **AND** All 2024 W2s (**Parents and Student**).
 - Completed 2026-2027 Dependent or Independent Verification form.

_____ **Separation or divorce of student or parent** – If student or your parents have separated or become divorced since the time the FAFSA was filed.

1. Date of divorce or separation: _____
2. Name of Primary (Custodial) Parent (after separation or divorce): _____

