



STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Financial Aid

2026/27 Application for Special Condition or Professional Judgment Adjustment

There are very limited circumstances in which Financial Aid may review your family situation and determine that there are extenuating conditions that allow for the adjustment of one or more of your FAFSA data elements. In such cases of extenuating circumstances, students (and parents, if dependent) must provide an explanation and supporting documentation to warrant the use of the Special Condition or Professional Judgment Adjustment(s). Financial Aid will review your request and determine if an adjustment is warranted. You will be notified in writing if your request is denied.

Special Condition Adjustments

If you, your spouse, or your parent(s) have experienced a significant decrease in income since 2024 due to one of the conditions described on the back of this form, you may be eligible for a Special Condition Adjustment. If approved, Financial Aid will use your 2024 or 2024 projected income in place of your documented 2024 income to calculate your financial need and your eligibility for federal financial aid for the 2026/27 academic year.

Professional Judgment Adjustments

If you, your spouse, or your parent(s) have experienced an extenuating circumstance that would warrant an adjustment to any FAFSA data element or line item in your Cost of Attendance Budget, you may provide an explanation and supporting documentation of the circumstance. Examples of circumstances that may warrant a Professional Judgment Adjustment include, but are not limited to, taking and using a one-time only distribution of pension or retirement funds or having unusually high expenses in the following categories: medical expenses; support to family members living abroad; or repairing storm or natural disaster damages.

How to Request an Adjustment

To apply for a Special Condition or a Professional Judgment Adjustment, you must first file a 2026/27 FAFSA using your 2024 income information, making certain that you include the RCC federal school code. Once the original FAFSA data has been received and processed by RCC, you may complete this form and submit it to Financial Aid with documentation to support your claim of loss of income or extenuating circumstance.

Meet with a Financial Aid Administrator

You will need to meet with a Financial Aid professional staff member to make sure all appropriate documentation is complete and your situation warrants an adjustment. In addition, the Financial Aid staff member will ensure that all appropriate data is included in your projected income.

Supporting Documentation

2024 Student IRS Tax Return Transcript or signed copies of your 2024 tax returns.
For married students: your spouse's 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript or tax returns.
For Dependent students: your Parent's 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript or signed copies of their 2024 tax returns.
If you did not file taxes in 2024, you must submit any and all 2024 IRS W-2's and a 2024 IRS Verification of Non-Filing for each applicable member of the household.
Documentation reflecting your household's 2024 year-to-date income.
Any other type of documentation specific to your request. This documentation can be, but is not limited to, a job termination letter, a statement regarding Unemployment Compensation, a final pay stub, a letter from Social Security terminating benefits, medical expense receipts, bank statements, etc.

Special Conditions

	Independent Students	Dependent Students
Loss of Employment	1. The student worked full-time for at least 30 weeks in 2024 but is not working full-time now. 2. The student's spouse worked full-time for at least 30 weeks in 2024 but has lost his/her job and has been un-employed during the current year. 3. Either you or your spouse is a certified Dislocated Worker.	4. One of the student's parents (or stepparent) worked full-time for at least 30 weeks in 2024 but has lost his/her job and has been un-employed during the current year. 5. One of your parents is a certified Dislocated Worker.
Loss of Earnings due to Disability or Natural Disaster	6. The student or spouse earned money in 2024 but has not been able to earn money in the usual way during the current year because of a disability or a natural disaster.	7. One of the student's parents earned money in 2024 but has not been able to earn money in the usual way during the current year because of a disability or a natural disaster.
Loss of Untaxed Income or Benefit	8. The student (or spouse) received unemployment compensation or some form of untaxed income or benefit in 2024 but has completely lost that benefit in the current year. The benefit must have been paid by a public or private agency, a company, or a person because of a court order.	9. One of the student's parents received unemployment compensation or some form of untaxed income or benefit in 2024 but has completely lost that benefit in the current year. The benefit must have been paid by a public or private agency, a company, or a person because of a court order.
Separation or Divorce	10. The student has already applied for federal financial aid but has separated or been widowed or divorced since the application was filed.	11. The student has already applied for federal financial aid, but his/her parents have since separated or divorced.
Death	12. The student has already applied for federal financial aid as a dependent student, but since that time the student's last surviving parent has died.	13. The student has already applied for federal financial aid, but since that time one of the student's parents has died.



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Last Name _____ First Name _____
(Please Print)

Cell phone _____ RCC ID # _____

Special Conditions Adjustment

Please review the thirteen Special Conditions enclosed with this form and indicate the one that applies to your circumstances.

- _____ Student has lost full-time employment since 2024
_____ Spouse of independent student has lost full-time employment since 2024
_____ Parent of dependent student lost full-time employment since 2024
_____ Other: Specify the Special Condition number _____
and the date of event _____

Explain the details of your circumstances.

Professional Judgment Adjustment

Please explain your request for a Professional Judgment.

By signing below I certify that the above information is complete and accurate. I understand that Financial Aid must determine my eligibility for a Special Condition or Professional Judgment Adjustment based upon my explanation and supporting documentation.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature – Required if Dependent

Date

*****Office Use Only*****

Financial Aid Advocacy Based Upon Personal Interview with Student

Signature of Financial Aid staff member

Date

Financial Aid: please complete the following table.

Student/Spouse Income Data	2026/27 ISIR Data	Income Data to be Used on 26/27 ISIR Correction
Income Year to be used: final 2024 or projected 2025	2024	
AGI		
US Income Tax Paid		
Exemptions		
Student's Wages		
Spouse's Wages		
Cash/Savings/Checking		
Net Worth of Investments		
Untaxed Income:_____		
Other:_____		
Other:_____		

Parent(s) Income Data	2026/27 ISIR Data	Income Data to be Used on 26/27 ISIR Correction
Income Year to be used: final 2024 or projected 2025	2024	
AGI		
US Income Tax Paid		
Exemptions		
Mother's Wages		
Father's Wages		
Cash/Savings/Checking		
Net Worth of Investments		
Untaxed Income:_____		
Other:_____		
Other:_____		