

2023-2024 Special Circumstance Appeal

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____



Office of Financial Aid

Under certain circumstances, the Department of Education permits Purdue University Fort Wayne (PFW) to update information on the student's FAFSA to recalculate their eligibility for grants. If you already have a bachelor's degree, you are NOT eligible to appeal as you are ineligible for grants. ***If updates will not help you in any way, your appeal will be denied.***

Please submit the following with this cover letter:

(Incomplete appeals will not be processed.)

- Typed, signed, and dated personal statement including an explanation and any vital information that will help us understand your situation – You must include start and end dates (at least month and year) for all pertinent information. Include any changes to the number of people living in your household.
- Additional documentation as required under the chosen appeal type
- Completed verification form and documentation (if selected)

Appeal Type Selection:

☐ Divorced or Separated after completing your FAFSA

(If this occurred before completing your FAFSA, an appeal is not necessary, please speak with a financial aid advisor.)

- Divorce/Separation documents
- Signed and dated 2021 Federal Tax Return along with Schedules 1-3 (if applicable) **OR** a signed and dated copy of your 2022 Federal Tax Return with Schedules 1-3 (if applicable) if it reflects current circumstances more appropriately. If your current income is significantly lower than the income reflected on the 2021 or 2022 taxes, please also submit the Loss of Income appeal form along with the most recent paystubs from each employer for whom you worked in the 2023 calendar year.
- W2's and/or Schedule C (if business income was reported) from the tax year of documents being submitted as referenced above. – Include both spouse's information if taxes filed jointly.
- Documentation of any alimony or child support you are now paying or receiving

☐ Married by August 15, 2023 after completing your FAFSA

- V1 Standard Verification Worksheet and supporting documentation
- Marriage certificate

☐ Excessive Medical/Dental Expenses paid in 2021

- Itemized list of medical/dental expenses paid in 2021.
- Receipts for each listed expense. The easiest way to do this is to request a summary of payments for 2021 from each provider and pharmacist – Explanation of Benefits or bills owed **DO NOT** fulfill this requirement.
- Paystub from 2021 that shows the premiums deducted for health and dental insurance

☐ Excessive Necessary Expenses paid in 2021

- Itemized list of the excessive necessary expenses *paid* in 2021
- Receipts or canceled checks for each listed expense *paid*

Appeals can be submitted by fax, mail, or in person. Email submissions and electronic signatures will not be processed.

Appeal Type Selection continued:

☐ Dependency Appeal:

The unwillingness of your parent(s) to provide parental data on your FAFSA or to help pay for college is NOT an acceptable reason to appeal your dependency status.

☐ Death of custodial parent(s)

- Copy of death certificate(s)

☐ No longer live with parent(s) due to an unsafe home environment (physical, mental, or substance abuse)

- Court documentation or police reports
- Signed and dated letter on company letterhead from a counselor or other professional source familiar with your family situation

☐ Abandoned by and cannot locate parent(s)

- Signed and dated letter on company letterhead from your high school guidance counselor documenting your situation
- Signed and dated letter on company letterhead from a counselor or other professional source familiar with your family situation

☐ Dependency Appeal Renewal:

- Submit this every year after your original approved dependency appeal
- Typed personal statement updating the status of your situation for which you were originally approved

I understand by signing below I am asking the Purdue University Fort Wayne Financial Aid Office to make the above indicated adjustments to my FAFSA. I further understand that making these adjustments may cause changes to my student account and my bill, and that it is my responsibility to ensure my bill is paid in full with the Bursar after these adjustments are processed to my financial aid account.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
(Dependent students only)

What happens next?

Appeals are handled in the order they are received. Once your form is received you will see it listed on your goPFW account under the Billing and Financial Aid tab. Please monitor your PFW student email for any communication regarding your appeal. If further information is needed to process your appeal, and/or after your appeal has been processed, you will be notified through your PFW student email.

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