2023 - 2024 Special Circumstances/Professional Judgement - Dependent

Name: ___________________________________________ Banner ID: __________________________

Email: ___________________________________________@broncos.uncfsu.edu Phone: __________________________

This application is a request for a review of special circumstances that you feel may change your financial aid eligibility. Professional Judgment refers to the school’s authority to adjust data elements reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) so that the Department of Education can recalculate the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is the number that the school uses to determine a student’s eligibility for need-based financial aid. The school does not have the authority to make direct adjustments to the EFC and can only change data elements that may change the EFC.

The Office of Financial Aid requires you to provide certain documents to support your claim of special circumstances. The review process begins with an evaluation of the accuracy of the information you submitted on your FAFSA. The Office of Financial Aid will evaluate the documents you submit along with your FAFSA information to determine if you are eligible for any financial aid adjustments. The U.S. Department of Education provides, in the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, a reaffirmation of the use of professional judgment in determining eligibility for federal financial aid. This provision allows for consideration of projected year income, rather than prior year income, to calculate a student’s eligibility. If you or your parents meet a special circumstance requirement in the 2023-2024 award year, your eligibility may be recalculated.

Please Note:

- Only submit this form if it is complete, including all required documentation and signatures.
- Incomplete Professional Judgment applications will not be considered.
- Complete Step One, Step Two, and Step Three of this form.
- Processing times for the Professional Judgment Application takes 2-4 weeks once all required documents have been received. Submission of the Professional Judgment application in no way guarantees an adjustment to the student’s financial aid and does not waive payment deadline dates. We recommend that the student complete all current award requirements and accept any financial aid that the student wishes to pay his/her bill.

STEP ONE: Explanation of Special Circumstances

Provide a typed, detailed letter of explanation regarding your current situation that you are asking us to consider. Please remember to include applicable dates and any documentation supporting your circumstance. If sufficient documentation is not provided, the Professional Judgment application will be denied as the application will be incomplete.

STEP TWO: Projected Year Income

Complete this section to the best of your ability to predict your 2023 income.

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<th>Student</th>
<th>Parent 1</th>
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<td>Expected 2023 income earned from work</td>
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STEP THREE: Explanation of Circumstances and Additional Required Documents

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<th>SITUATION (check the box for your situation)</th>
<th>REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION (check if included)</th>
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<td>☐ Your parent(s) had a total loss of full-time employment for at least 10 weeks in 2022 or 2023.</td>
<td>☐ Copies of 2021 and 2022 IRS Tax Return Transcripts</td>
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<td>☐ Your parent(s) lost employment due to a disability or federally designated natural disaster for more than 10 consecutive weeks in 2022 or 2023. This situation must be a total loss of employment.</td>
<td>☐ Copies of all 2021 and 2022 W-2 and 1099 Forms</td>
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<td>☐ Unemployment</td>
<td>☐ 2023-2024 Dependent Verification Worksheet</td>
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<td>☐ Social Security</td>
<td>☐ Employer’s written notice of termination of employment</td>
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<td>☐ Child Support</td>
<td>☐ Copies of most recent pay stubs for all 2023 employment</td>
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<td>☐ Document all other sources of income (taxed &amp; untaxed)</td>
<td>☐ Copy of Benefit Payment History for all unemployment compensation</td>
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Please Note: Loss of Employment must result from involuntary actions beyond the control of the employee.

Name of Person Unemployed: _____________________________

Relationship to Student: _____________________________

# of weeks unemployed in 2022 or 2023: __________

☐ Your parent(s) had a total loss of untaxed income. Benefit Lost: ☐ Unemployment ☐ Social Security ☐ Child Support

Last Date Benefit Received: _____________________________

☐ Your parent(s) had a total loss of full-time employment for at least 10 weeks in 2022 or 2023. Benefit Lost: ☐ Unemployment ☐ Social Security ☐ Child Support

☐ Your parent(s) lost employment due to a disability or federally designated natural disaster for more than 10 consecutive weeks in 2022 or 2023. This situation must be a total loss of employment.

☐ Document all other sources of income (taxed & untaxed)

☐ In Addition (as applicable) Attending physician’s statement of disability

☐ In Addition (as applicable) Document date disability/disaster caused unemployment

☐ In Addition (as applicable) Documentation of employer disability payments

☐ In Addition (as applicable) Documentation of Worker’s Compensation received

☐ In Addition (as applicable) Documentation of Official Declaration of Natural Disaster status

☐ Copies of 2021 and 2022 IRS Tax Return Transcripts

☐ Copies of all 2021 and 2022 W-2s

☐ 2023-2024 Dependent Verification Worksheet

☐ Benefit provider’s notification of loss of benefit

☐ Copies of most recent pay stubs for all 2022 earnings

☐ Document all other sources of income (taxed & untaxed)

☐ In Addition (as applicable) Court documents verifying date of loss of child support

☐ In Addition (as applicable) Copy of Benefit Payment History for all unemployment compensation

☐ In Addition (as applicable) Copy of court documented separation/divorce

☐ In Addition (as applicable) Copy of parent’s death certificate or obituary

☐ Copies of 2021 and 2022 IRS Tax Return Transcripts

☐ Copies of all 2021 and 2022 W-2

☐ 2023-2024 Dependent Verification Worksheet

☐ Copy of student’s birth certificate

☐ In Addition (as applicable) Copy of court documented separation/divorce

☐ In Addition (as applicable) Copy of parent’s death certificate or obituary

By signing below, we certify that the information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of our knowledge. We understand that completing this form does not guarantee financial aid will be increased. We agree that, if requested, we will provide documentation to support the information provided on this form. We understand that failure to provide the requested information will result in denial of this application. We understand that this form does not guarantee a change in the amounts or types of financial aid awarded and that professional judgment decision may result in decreased eligibility for certain financial aid programs. The Office of Financial Aid will review all requests on a case-by-case basis and adjust if deemed appropriate. Finally, we understand that the financial aid administrator’s decision is final and cannot be appealed.

Student’s Signature _____________________________ Date _____________________________

Parent’s Signature _____________________________ Date _____________________________

Parent’s E-mail Address _____________________________

Parent Cell Phone Number _____________________________

Banner ID: _____________________________

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If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both and lose your financial aid funding.