

Carson-Newman University

2021-2022 Special Circumstances Appeal for Dependent Students

Student's Last Name

Student's First Name

Student's M.I.

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Student's E-Mail Address

Student's Home/Cell Phone Number

This Appeal 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 make adjustments to the 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 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 Appeal process is an extensive process that requires a thorough review by the Financial Aid staff to determine what, if any, changes may be appropriate based on your Appeal. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing time. It is a time-intensive process that includes the following steps:

1. **The Financial Aid staff will determine if your Appeal meets the basic criteria for further review.**
2. **If the basic eligibility requirements are met, the file will then be reviewed to determine if all required documentation has been submitted. If additional documentation is required, the student will be notified via email.**
3. **Once the Financial Aid Office has received all the necessary documentation, our staff will verify the accuracy of the information initially submitted on the FAFSA.**
4. **After we ensure the accuracy of the initial FAFSA information, The Financial Aid Appeals Committee will then evaluate the appeal, make appropriate changes to the FAFSA file (if approved), and submit those changes for processing.**
5. **Once the reprocessed EFC (Expected Family Contribution) is received, the student's eligibility for need-based aid will be re-evaluated. The student will then receive a revised aid notification.**

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Please note:

*If we verify the current FAFSA, and there is information that was estimated or reported incorrectly, **the corrections may result in an EFC that is actually higher than what your current record indicates.** Therefore, the student may have received aid they never would have qualified for had the FAFSA information and the EFC been correct prior to the appeal. The student will lose any financial aid they weren't actually eligible for unless they demonstrate eligibility after the Appeal is approved and then applied.*

Also keep in mind:

Even if the Appeal process results in a lower EFC, the change may NOT be enough to generate eligibility for need based financial aid and increase in the financial aid award.

We recommend you complete your current award requirements and accept any current financial aid that you need to use to satisfy your bill. Due to the nature of the Appeal process, your request may not be completed before the payment deadline. You must satisfy your semester bill even if your Appeal has not been reviewed or finalized or a hold may be placed on your registration.

Step One - Letter of Explanation

Provide a 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 circumstances.

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Step Two - Required Documents

Complete the section below that corresponds to your circumstance. Please note the documentation required for each situation.

Situation	Required Documentation (please check if included)
<input type="checkbox"/> Your parent(s) had a total loss of full-time employment for at least six (6) weeks . Please note: Loss of income for the 2019 calendar year will NOT be considered for special circumstances appeal as this process will be based on <i>current</i> year data only. Name of person unemployed: _____ Their relationship to Student: _____ Number of weeks unemployed: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of 2019 IRS Tax Return Transcript or signed copy of 2019 IRS Tax Return <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of 2020 IRS Tax Return Transcript or signed copy of 2020 IRS Tax Return <input type="checkbox"/> Employer's written notice of termination of employment <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of 2021 pay stubs for all employment <input type="checkbox"/> Document unemployment benefits & amount received <input type="checkbox"/> Document all other sources of income (taxed & untaxed) <input type="checkbox"/> Attending doctor's statement of disability <input type="checkbox"/> Document date disability/disaster caused unemployment <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation of employer disability payment <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation of Worker's Compensation <input type="checkbox"/> Document Official Declaration of Natural Disaster status <input type="checkbox"/> IRS Letter of Non-Filing for parent (if they did not files taxes)
<input type="checkbox"/> Your parent (s) had a total loss of untaxed income or benefit . Benefit Lost: <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Last date benefit received: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of 2019 IRS Tax Return Transcript or signed copy of 2019 IRS Tax Return <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of 2020 IRS Tax Return Transcript or signed copy of 2020 IRS Tax Return <input type="checkbox"/> Benefit provider's notification of loss of benefit <input type="checkbox"/> Document amount of benefits received in 2020 and 2021 <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of 2021 pay stubs for all employment <input type="checkbox"/> Document all other sources of income (taxed & untaxed) <input type="checkbox"/> Document unemployment benefits & amounts received in 2019, 2020 and 2021. <input type="checkbox"/> Court documents verifying date of loss of child support <input type="checkbox"/> IRS Letter of Non-Filing for parent (if they did not files taxes)
<input type="checkbox"/> Your parent (s) had an unusual one-time income reported on their 2019 IRS Tax Return. <i>*Please note: Income used towards discretionary expenses may not be taken into consideration as a reason to adjust aid eligibility.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of 2019 IRS Tax Return Transcript or signed copy of 2019 IRS Tax Return <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of 2020 IRS Tax Return Transcript or signed copy of 2020 IRS Tax Return <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of 2018 IRS Tax Return Transcript or signed copy of 2018 IRS Tax Return <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation of source of income <input type="checkbox"/> Signed and dated statement indicating how the one-time income was used, along with supporting <input type="checkbox"/> IRS Letter of Non-Filing for parent (if they did not files taxes)
<input type="checkbox"/> You have already filed your 2021-22 FAFSA and since that time: <input type="checkbox"/> Your parents separated/divorced. <input type="checkbox"/> Your parent has passed away. Date of occurrence: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of 2019 IRS Tax Return Transcript or signed copy of 2019 IRS Tax Return <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of 2020 IRS Tax Return Transcript or signed copy of 2020 IRS Tax Return <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of court documented separation/divorce decree and/or documentation of separate residences. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of parent's death certificate <input type="checkbox"/> IRS Letter of Non-Filing for parent (if they did not files taxes)
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <i>Please note: The Financial Aid staff will review your circumstance to determine if it is a viable situation for professional judgment.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of 2019 IRS Tax Return Transcript or signed copy of 2019 IRS Tax Return <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of 2020 IRS Tax Return Transcript or signed copy of 2020 IRS Tax Return <input type="checkbox"/> All applicable documentation to support your circumstance <input type="checkbox"/> IRS Letter of Non-Filing for parent (if they did not files taxes)

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****How to Obtain an IRS Tax Return Transcript or a Letter of Non-Filing**

- Make an on-line request at <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>
The requester must have access to a valid email address, a text-enabled mobile phone (pay-as-you-go plans cannot be used) in the requester's name, and specific financial account numbers (such as a credit card number or an account number for a home mortgage or auto loan). The transcript will display on-line upon successful completion of the IRS's two-step authentication.
- Automated Telephone Request: 1-800-908-9946
Transcript is generally received within 10 business days from the IRS's receipt of the telephone request.
- Paper request: IRS Form 4506T
This form needs to be used if you have moved since filing your taxes. The form can be downloaded at www.irs.gov, click "Get Transcript by MAIL". The transcript is generally received within 10 business

Step Three – 2021 Estimated Income Information

Complete this section to the best of your ability	Parent 1	Parent 2	Student
Estimated 2021 income earned from work.			
Estimated 2021 US income tax paid			
Estimated 2021 unemployment benefits			
Estimated 2021 other taxable income and benefits			
Estimated 2021 untaxed income and benefits			

Step Four – Complete Verification Worksheet and Requirements

Complete the attached Dependent Verification Worksheet and attach all verification requirements listed on the form. Return it with this appeal and your documentation to the Financial Aid Office. If you have already completed and submitted the Dependent Verification Worksheet, you do not need to submit another one.

Signatures

The student and one parent whose information was reported on the FAFSA must sign and date below.

WARNING! If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail or both.

Each person signing this worksheet certifies that all the information reported is complete and correct.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent/Stepparent's Signature

Date

Parent/Stepparent's Email

Parent/Stepparent's Contact Phone #

**Please make a copy of this worksheet for your records.
Submit this worksheet to the Financial Aid Office at Carson Newman University, 1646 Russell Avenue,
Jefferson City, TN 37760 or by fax at 865-471-2035.
If you should have any questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 1-800-678-9061 or 865-471-3247.**

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2021-2022 Dependent Verification Worksheet

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Student's E-Mail Address			Student's Home/Cell Phone Number

Your 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. This process is mandated by the US Department Education, requiring schools to verify the data provided on the FAFSA to ensure its accuracy. We must ask you to confirm the information you reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information, we will compare your FAFSA with the information on this worksheet and with any other required document(s). If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected.

You and at least one parent/stepparent must complete and sign this worksheet and submit it to the Financial Aid Office at your earliest convenience. Please note that additional documentation may be requested for clarification.

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A. Household Information

List below the people in the parent/stepparent(s)' household whose information was included on the FAFSA (if your biological parent has remarried, then the stepparent must be included on the FAFSA). Include:

- Yourself (the student)
- Your parent/stepparent(s) as reported on the FAFSA (even if you don't live with your parent/stepparent).
- Your parent/stepparent(s)' other children if your parent/stepparent(s) will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, or if the other children would be required to provide parent/stepparent information if they were completing a FAFSA for 2021-2022. Include children who meet either of these standards, even if they do not live with your parent/stepparent(s).
- Other people if they now live with your parent/stepparent(s) and your parent/stepparent(s) provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2022.

Include the name of the college/university for any sibling, who will be enrolled, at least half time in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at a postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022. *If more space is needed, attach a separate page with the student's name and ID number at the top.*

Household Members	Age	Name	Name of College/University Attending	Enrolled at Least Half Time (Y/N)
<i>Student</i>			<i>Carson-Newman University</i>	
<i>Parent/Stepparent</i>				
<i>Parent/Stepparent</i>				
<i>Sibling</i>				
<i>Sibling</i>				
<i>Sibling</i>				
<i>Sibling</i>				
<i>Other</i>				
<i>Other</i>				

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B. Income Tax InformationCheck **ONE** box that applies to you (the Student) and **ONE** box that applies to your parent (s).

STUDENT	PARENT (S)
<input type="checkbox"/> I filed a 2019 Federal Tax Return. Did you use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool* to transfer your 2019 tax data directly from the IRS to the FAFSA <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Update your FASFA and use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool OR submit a copy of your 2019 Federal Tax Return Transcript ** <i>(see information below)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> I filed a 2019 Federal Tax Return. Did you use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool* to transfer your 2019 tax data directly from the IRS to the FAFSA <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Update your FASFA and use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool OR submit a copy of your 2019 Federal Tax Return Transcript ** If parents/stepparents filed separate 2019 IRS income tax returns, then 2019 Tax Return Transcripts must be provided for each. <i>(see information below)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> I did NOT file a 2019 Federal Tax Return , but did earn income in 2019; however, I was not required to file taxes. (Complete Section C)	<input type="checkbox"/> I did NOT file a 2019 Federal Tax Return , but did earn income in 2019; however, I was not required to file taxes. (Complete Section C) **An IRS Letter of Non-Filing is required for parent if they did NOT file 2019 taxes** <i>(see information below)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> I was NOT employed and had NO INCOME earned from work in 2019.	<input type="checkbox"/> I was NOT employed and had NO INCOME earned from work in 2019. **An IRS Letter of Non-Filing is required for parent if they did NOT file 2019 taxes** <i>(see information below)</i>

***IRS Data Retrieval Tool**

- Make a correction to your FAFSA online and access the tool within the Financial Information section.
- Don't forget to sign and submit the FAFSA correction.

This allows on-line FAFSA filers to pull their tax data direction from the IRS to auto-fill the tax portion of the FAFSA and is the quickest way to get accurate tax information to the Financial Aid Office.

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C. Submit Copies of W-2's (For Non-Tax Filers)

All non-tax filers (Students and Parents) must provide copies of all your W-2 forms for income earned from work that were NOT filed with a 2019 Federal Income Tax Return. If you have lost any W-2's, you may order a Wage and Income Transcript from the IRS. You can request this transcript from www.irs.gov. If no employer W-2 can be provided, please list below the employer name, amount earned for 2019, and the reason it cannot be provided.

Employee's Name (Student or Parent)	2019 Amount Earned	Employer's Name	Reason for Not Providing

D. Signatures

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