



2021-2022 Financial Aid Special Circumstance/Appeal Form

STUDENT NAME: _____ STUDENT CELL PHONE #: _____

ALBRIGHT STUDENT ID: _____

PLEASE NOTE: You must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

If your income has recently decreased, or you have special financial circumstances that were not taken into account on your FAFSA, we may be able to reevaluate your financial need based on your actual 2020 tax year income, or a projection of your 2021 income. For dependent students, we consider both student and parent incomes. For independent students, we only consider the student and the spouse's incomes.

You have the right to advise the Financial Aid Office, Albright College of changes in family circumstances that you believe impact your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and, accordingly, your ability to support your education during academic year 2021-2022. Circumstances considered include, but are not limited to, death, financial losses linked to natural disaster not covered by insurance and COVID, significant medical or dental out of pocket expenses, one-time income shown on your 2019 IRS 1040 form, losses of income beyond control of the family, and marital status changes. Our goal is to respond to your appeal request within **30** business days.

Please Include With This Form

1. A **signed cover letter** noting specific dates of each circumstance and the cost associated with the circumstance.
2. This **form** completed in its entirety, along with signatures of all parties and date.
3. **Documentation** supporting all circumstances included in your cover letter.
4. Please note, the Financial Aid Office will notify you of its decision by e-mail to your Albright College email address. Appeal forms submitted without supporting documentation will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.

Forward your complete packet to:
Albright College Financial Aid Office
P.O. Box 15234
Reading, PA 19612-5234
Or fax to: 610-921-7729

Examples of Routinely Provided Documentation

- Unemployment benefits statement
- Termination notice
- Memo/letter from employer regarding change or reduction in employment
- Physician's disability statement
- Attorney's statement regarding marital status change
- Court statements regarding/termination of child support
- Social security benefits termination notice
- Death certificate
- IRS 1040s displaying the loss of income or one-time payment
- Copies of paid bills associated with primary home repairs after a natural disaster
- Paid medical/dental bills

Step 1: Please check below all circumstances that apply to your family.

- _____ 1. I experienced a **change in employment** status between 2019, 2020 or 2021.
- _____ 2. I **lost income** shown on my 2019 Federal 1040 Form. Please provide a signed copy of your 2019 Federal Tax Return and W-2 forms.
- _____ 3. I experienced a **separation or divorce** from my spouse **after** I signed my 2021-2022 FAFSA.
- _____ 4. My 2019 **out-of-pocket medical or dental** expenses were uncharacteristically high.
- _____ 5. My **mother, father, or spouse died** after I signed the 2021-2022 FAFSA.
- _____ 6. In 2020, I experienced a loss of income associated with a **natural disaster or COVID**.
- _____ 7. I have **other circumstances** not captured in the categories noted above. Please provide detailed explanation.

Step 2: Provide an **estimate** of the income you expect to receive in 2021, or provide your actual 2020 income and include copies of tax return and most recent paystub. *(Enter \$0 if item does not apply.)*

DEPENDENT:

Father's/Step-Father's Income from work: _____

Mother's/Step-Mother's Income from work: _____

Student's Income from work: _____

Other taxable income: _____ Source: _____

Untaxed income or benefits (Social Security, Worker's Compensation, AFDC, Child Support, etc.): _____

Other untaxed income: _____ Source: _____

INDEPENDENT:

Student's Income from work: _____

Spouse's Income from work: _____

Other taxable income: _____ Source: _____

Untaxed income or benefits (Social Security, Worker's Compensation, AFDC, Child Support, etc.): _____

Other untaxed income: _____ Source: _____

Certification Statement: We the undersigned certify that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of our knowledge. We acknowledge that failure to provide appropriate documentation will result in the College's inability to consider this request for additional federal financial aid.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Spouse Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Cell Phone (if applicable): _____

Questions / Concerns? Contact the Financial Aid Office at one of the following:

Phone Number: (610) 921-7515

Fax: (610) 921-7729

E-Mail: finaid@albright.edu