



2026-2027 Change of Financial Situation Statement of Appeal

If the financial situation has changed for you, your parent(s), or your spouse (if independent per FAFSA) from what was reported on the 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), use this form to explain the change that has occurred. **This form should only be completed by undergraduate students who are working on their first Bachelor's Degree.** As a general rule, the **anticipated 2026** Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) should be **at least 20% less** than the **actual 2024** AGI before submitting this document for reasons related to **loss of income and medical/dental expenses**. Please note that an appeal **cannot** be submitted for the reason of parents having more than one child in college during an academic year.

Once our office reviews the Change of Financial Situation Statement of Appeal, we will contact you for further documentation via email. No additional action is required on your part until we contact you.

Allowable Reasons

1. Loss of job/reduction in income in **2025** or **2026**
2. Reduction in income in **2025** or **2026** due to a disability
3. Loss of benefits or untaxed income in **2025** or **2026** (i.e., child support, disability benefits, unemployment, etc.)
4. Parents' divorce or separation **AFTER** completion of the 2026-2027 FAFSA
5. Your divorce or separation **AFTER** completion of the 2026-2027 FAFSA (if independent per FAFSA)
6. Parent's death **AFTER** completion of the 2026-2027 FAFSA
7. Spouse's death **AFTER** completion of the 2026-2027 FAFSA (if independent per FAFSA)
8. Medical/dental expenses not paid by insurance and not claimed as a deduction on your (if independent per FAFSA) or your parent(s) 2024 IRS Federal Tax Return (**dates of service and dates paid must be from January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024 and must exceed 20% of the 2024 Adjusted Gross Income**)
9. Rollover incorrectly listed as untaxed income on your/your parent(s) 2024 IRS Federal Tax Return

What you should do:

1. Complete this entire worksheet. Answer all questions and SIGN the form.
2. Upload this form on the UIC Portal.
 - a. Login to the UIC Portal at <https://my.UIC.edu>
 - b. Click on the "Student" tab
 - c. Click on "Financial Aid Menu"
 - d. You should then be on the Financial Aid "Home" tab
 - e. Choose the 2026-2027 Award Year
 - f. Under Unsatisfied Requirements, click "Choose File" (If the requirement is not listed, contact your Financial Aid Counselor at <https://financialaid.uic.edu/faq/contact-us/> to have the requirement added)

For additional upload instructions, please visit https://docs.financialaid.uic.edu/docs/PDF_upload_guide.pdf.

Section A - Student Information (Please Print Clearly)

Student Name: _____ Student Phone: _____

Student Email: _____ Student UIN: _____

