



2026-2027 SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE APPEAL

PRIORITY DEADLINES

Fall 2026: November 15, 2026

Spring 2027: April 15, 2027

Summer 2027: July 15, 2027

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Student Aid Index (SAI) is calculated based on information reported on the FAFSA or TASFA.

Because the FAFSA and TASFA use prior-year tax information, your family's financial situation may have changed since that information was reported. This appeal allows Texas A&M University–Victoria to review special circumstances affecting your or your parents' ability to contribute toward educational expenses. Please note that an adjustment to your SAI does not guarantee a change to your financial aid eligibility. This appeal is valid only for the 2026-2027 academic year. Payment deadlines will not be extended while your appeal is under review. Students remain responsible for payment of tuition and fees by the due date.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name	
UID	

REASONS FOR A SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE APPEAL

Review the table below carefully to determine whether your circumstances may warrant review.

Special Circumstances That May Be Considered	Circumstances That Generally Will Not Be Considered
Death of a parent reported on the FAFSA/TASFA	Weddings and similar major purchases
Loss of employment or income	Credit card debt
Significant reduction in income	Mortgage payments
Loss of unemployment, disability, or other benefits	Vehicle payments
Separation or divorce after filing the FAFSA/TASFA	Home improvement expenses
Significant unreimbursed medical expenses	Discretionary expenses
One-time income no longer available	Gambling or lottery losses
Other documented special circumstances	Reduction in overtime only
Military deployment or return to college	Bankruptcy alone or other voluntary lifestyle expenses

PART A: INSTRUCTIONS (ALL DOCUMENTS BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED)

Follow the steps below to submit your appeal. **Your appeal will not be reviewed until all required documents are submitted.**

1. Submit a Detailed Personal Statement

Attach a typed, detailed letter supporting your request based on the reason(s) selected in Part B below.

Include specific information such as dates, events, changes in employment or income, changes in benefits, and circumstances that have affected your or your parents' ability to pay for college.

2. Attach Tax Documentation

a. Tax Filers

Both the student and/or parent(s) must submit:

- Signed copy of the 2024 Federal Tax Return and all W-2 forms
- Signed copy of the 2025 Federal Tax Return and all W-2 forms

If the 2025 Federal Tax Return has not yet been filed:

- Proof of an approved IRS filing extension
- Documentation of all 2025 income received to date

b. Non-Tax Filers

Both the student and/or parent(s) must submit copies of proof of income (i.e., W-2, 1099, benefit statements, etc.) for 2024 and 2025.

Please note that additional documentation may be requested by the Office of Financial Aid. Your appeal may be denied if all required documentation is not provided.

PART B. REASON FOR APPEAL

TYPE OF APPEAL (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ **Loss of Employment or Reduction in Income (Student or Parent Income in 2025 or 2026)**

☐ Dependent Student (per FAFSA)

☐ Independent Student (per FAFSA)

Name of person who lost employment or experienced income reduction	
Relationship to student	
Name of previous employer	
Last day of employment	

Severance pay received?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Unemployment benefits received?

☐ YES

☐ NO

• If yes, have you applied or do you plan to apply? ☐ YES

☐ NO

Retirement benefits being received?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Disability benefits being received?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Has new employment been obtained?

☐ YES

☐ NO

• If yes, name of new employer _____.

Documentation to Include with Appeal

- Letter from employer documenting employment status, loss of income, date of separation, and amount of severance pay (if applicable)
- Last pay statement after separation showing year-to-date earnings
- Most recent pay statement from current employer (if applicable)
- State unemployment benefits statement, claim, award letter, or summary

☐ **Separation/Divorce**

This only applies if both parents' information (dependent student) or spouse information (independent student) was reported on the FAFSA/TASFA.

☐ Dependent Student (per FAFSA)

☐ Independent Student (per FAFSA)

Name of parent whose information will remain on the FAFSA/TASFA	
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Has parent remarried? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Date of separation/divorce	
Current household size after separation/divorce	

Documentation to Include with Appeal

- Divorce decree or separation agreement
- Documentation showing separate living expenses
- Documentation of support payments received or paid

☐ **Death of a Parent Reported on the FAFSA/TASFA**

☐ Dependent Student (per FAFSA)

☐ Independent Student (per FAFSA)

Name of deceased parent/spouse	
Date of death	
Current household size	

Documentation to Include with Appeal

- Death certificate
- Published obituary (if death certificate is unavailable)
- Other supporting documentation

☐ **Unreimbursed Medical, Dental, or Optical Expenses Paid in 2025 or 2026**

The Office of Financial Aid will review significant unreimbursed medical, dental, or optical expenses paid during 2025 and/or 2026.

Is this a recurring expense?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Date of medical event	
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Are you currently on a payment plan?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Have you made payments toward the bill?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Documentation to Include with Appeal

- Copies of paid unreimbursed medical, dental, or optical expenses
- Payment plan documentation
- Insurance Explanation of Benefits (EOB)
- Other supporting documentation

☐ **Loss of Untaxed Income, Benefits, or One-Time Income**

Examples include:

Social Security benefits	Roth IRA conversions
Disability benefits	Retirement distributions
Unemployment benefits	Severance payments
Child support received	Capital gains
Housing allowances	Other one-time income events

Income or Benefit Information

Name of person whose income or benefit was lost	
Relationship to student	
Type of income or benefit	
Date income or benefit ended	
Amount lost	

One-Time Income Events

One-time income events must have been reported on the FAFSA/TASFA and must not be expected to recur.

Documentation to Include with Appeal

- Benefit termination or reduction notice
- Agency statement
- Tax documentation supporting one-time income
- Explanation of why the income will not recur
- Other supporting documentation

☐ **Other Circumstances**

Examples may include military deployment, return to college after military service, or other documented circumstances not addressed elsewhere on this appeal.

Please provide a detailed explanation of your special circumstance in your personal statement.

The Office of Financial Aid will contact you regarding any additional documentation required.

PART C: CURRENT ASSET INFORMATION

Do Not Leave Blank. Enter "0" if not applicable.

Assets (As of the Date Form is Completed)	Student	Parent
Current total of cash, savings, and checking accounts (Do not include financial aid, retirement accounts, or investments.)		
Current net worth of investments, including real estate (Do not include the home in which the family resides.)		
Current net worth of businesses and farms (Do not include a family business with 100 or fewer employees or a family farm on which the family resides.)		

PART D: CERTIFICATION

By signing below, I certify that all information and documentation submitted with this appeal are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that intentionally providing false or misleading information may result in denial of financial aid, repayment of funds received, fines, imprisonment, or both.

I understand that submission of this appeal does not guarantee approval and that professional judgment decisions are made on a case-by-case basis in accordance with federal regulations and institutional policy.

I understand that additional documentation may be requested before a final determination is made.

Student Signature	Date
Parent Signature	Date

Parent Signature required if student is a Dependent student on the FAFSA.

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☐ Approved

☐ Denied

Financial Aid Administrator: _____

Date Reviewed: _____