



# TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

## Office of Student Financial Assistance

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### 2019-2020 Special Circumstances Appeal

Dependent    Independent

The **2019-2020** Free Application for Federal Student Aid collects the student' and parent's income information for January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

**Dependent Students:** If your parent(s) have experienced a change in your family's income for the periods of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 or January 1 2018 and December 31, 2018; and expect to have a reduction of 30% or more at the end of December 31, 2017, *complete this form and submit the supporting documentation for review.*

**Independent Students:** If you have experienced a change in your income for the periods of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 or January 1 2018 and December 31, 2018; and expect to have a reduction of 30% or more at the end of December 31, 2017, *complete this form and submit the supporting documentation for review.*

**DIRECTIONS:** Complete and submit all appeal documentation to the Professional Judgment Committee to the Office of Student Financial Assistance. We will make every effort to reply to your appeal within 20 business days. Replies may take longer during peak processing times. **The deadline for submission of the appeal is the 12th class day.**

**NOTE: Submission of this appeal does not guarantee approval. Incomplete appeals will be returned. Appeals that do not contain supporting documentation are considered incomplete.**

#### A. Applicant's Name and Address

Student name (print last, first, middle initial)	Student ID or Social security number
Address (street/P.O. Box, city, state, zip code)	Telephone number (include area code)

#### B. Reason for Appeal

Indicate which of the following statements describes the reason for your appeal:

- A significant reduction in the parent's or student's income from
  - 2017 to 2018 or  2018-2019 (CHECK ONE) due to:
    - legal separation    divorce, or death    loss of employment    one-time income
    - loss of taxed or untaxed income or benefits
- Unusual or unexpected expenses not covered by another agency for (select one):
  - paid medical care expenses    tuition expenses for elementary or secondary education

**C. Income Information:** Appeals submitted without the proper supporting documentation will not be acted upon. If you have requested an appeal based on a reduction of income from 2017 to 2018 or 2018 to 2019, you must *attach the appropriate documentation and return it along with this form to the Office of Student Financial Assistance:*

- ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.**
  - Copy of 2017 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) – **all applicants**
    - Dependent students must submit a copy of the parent and student's **2017** IRS Tax Return transcript.
    - Or last check stub for **2018**
  - Confirmation of reduction in earnings for **2017 or 2018**– **all applicants**
    - o Copy of last paycheck stub(s), earnings or untaxed income statement for **2017** and / or **2018**
  - Letter of explanation – **all applicants**

#### 2. CHECK AND SUBMIT ITEMS BELOW THAT MAY APPLY TO YOUR APPEAL.

- Copy of an AFDC/ADC or SNAP (formerly TANF) statement
- Verification of social security benefits
- Copy of unemployment benefits letter with begin/end dates and benefits amount.
- Verification of severance package
- Copy of medical and/or dental *expenses not covered* by insurance, employers, or federal/state agencies
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send your documents to:**

Texas Southern University

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### 3. LEGAL SEPARATION – submit the following items

- Legal proof of separation and notarized statement from both parties or;
- Two notarized letters from individuals or one statement from legal representation/ professional counselor on official letterhead **and**;
- IRS Tax Return Transcript from custodial parent whose information was used to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Complete the information indicated below for the time period you are requesting a review of the change in income. You may need to estimate to complete the information in the estimated earning and resources below, but figures should be as close to fact as possible.

- January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 (CHECK ONE ONLY)**
- January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018**

### D. ESTIMATED EARNINGS

Type of Income	Parent(s)	Student	Type of Income	Parent (s)	Student
Wages Earned Father	\$		SNAP	\$	
Wages Earned Mother	\$		Food Stamps	\$	
SSI	\$		Child support	\$	
Social Security	\$		Workmen's Compensation	\$	
Unemployment Benefits	\$		Housing Subsidy	\$	
Severance Pay	\$		Savings	\$	
Other	\$		Other (explain in letter)	\$	
Total Income for Student and Parent (s) = \$					

### E. Student and Parent Certification

To the best of our knowledge, the information in this appeal is true. We understand that misrepresentation of facts in connection with this appeal, whenever discovered, may be sufficient cause, in and of itself, for cancellations and repayment of financial aid. We understand that students and students' spouse (if married) federal tax returns will be used to verify the current financial aid application information, and that the student will be selected for institutional verification at Texas Southern University, in the next aid year.

**WARNING:** If you use this form to establish eligibility for federal student aid and purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined \$10,000, sent to prison or both. Student & parent signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Date

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Appeal Approved <input type="checkbox"/>	Appeal Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	Original EFC	Recalc EFC
2017 AGI	2017 / 2018 AGI	CC	
2017 TX PAID	2017 / 2018 TX PAID	CE	
2017 UNTAXED	2017 / 2018 UNTAXED	M/D	
COMMENTS			

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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