



2021-2022 Special Circumstances Appeal

Dependent Independent

The 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid collects the student's and parent's income information for January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

Dependent Students: If your parent(s) have experienced a change in your family's income for the periods of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 or January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020; and expect to have a reduction of 30% or more at the end of December 31, 2018, *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, 2019 to December 31, 2019 or January 1 2020 and December 31, 2020; and expect to have a reduction of 30% or more at the end of December 31, 2018, *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. Appeals that do not contain supporting documentation are considered incomplete, and will not be processed.

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
 - 2019 to 2020 or 2020-2021 (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 2019 to 2020 or 2020 to 2021, you must *attach the appropriate documentation and return it along with this form to the Office of Student Financial Assistance:*

1. **ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.**

- Copy of 2019 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) – all applicants
 - Dependent students must submit a copy of the parent and student's 2019 IRS Tax Return transcript.
 - Or last check stub for 2020
- Confirmation of reduction in earnings for 2019 or 2020 – all applicants
 - Copy of last paycheck stub(s), earnings or untaxed income statement for 2019 and / or 2020
- 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

Office of Student Financial Assistance

3100 Cleburne Street • Houston, TX 77004



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Office of Student Financial Assistance

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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, 2019 to December 31, 2019 (CHECK ONE ONLY)**
- January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**

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 _____ 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	Recal EFC
2019 AGI	2019 / 2020 AGI	CC	
2019 TX PAID	2019 / 2020 TX PAID	CE	
2019 UNTAXED	2019 / 2020 UNTAXED	M/D	
COMMENTS			

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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2021-2022 VERIFICATION WORKSHEET

STANDARD FORM

Purpose: Texas Southern University Office of Student Financial Assistance has received the results of your 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The financial aid program rules (34 CFR, Part 668) state that before awarding federal student aid, TSU may ask you to confirm the information you, your spouse, and/or your parent(s) reported on your FAFSA. Verification is the process of confirming the accuracy of data that is provided on the FAFSA. You are required by law to provide all necessary documents to complete verification. Failure to comply will result in a non-disbursement of any potential aid funding.

A. STUDENT INFORMATION

LAST _____ FIRST _____ MI _____ T00 _____
 TSU ID _____

Criteria for Independent Students by Federal Guidelines:

Generally to be independent for the 2021-2022 award year, the student must have been born before January 1, 1998, married as of the date the FAFSA was completed, working on a master’s or doctorate degree, currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, a veteran of the Armed Forces, have children that you provide ½ or more of their support (must be documentable), have dependents that you provide ½ or more of their support (must be documentable) or an Orphan or Ward of the Court. Students facing special circumstances such as an Unaccompanied Homelessness youth may also qualify as independent. Refer to the FAFSA for complete instructions. If you are not sure of your dependency status, please contact TSU OSFA.

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

DEPENDENT STUDENTS (Complete form using information for both parent(s) and student)

- List names of all persons in your parent(s) household in **section B**. Include yourself, your parents (and step-parents) and their other children (even if they do not live with your parents) if your parents will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, or if they will be required to provide parental information on the 2021-22 FAFSA.
- Also include other people if they now live with your parent(s) and your parent(s) provide more than half of their support and will continue that support through June 30, 2022.

INDEPENDENT STUDENTS (Enter the information for the student and spouse (if married))

- List names of all persons in your household in **section B**. Include yourself, your spouse (if married) and all children (even if they do not live with you) if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, or if they will be required to provide parental information on the 2021-22 FAFSA.
- Also include other people if you provide MORE THAN HALF of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2022.

B. FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Write the names of all household members. Also write in the name of the college for any household member, (dependent students exclude parents college), who will be attending college, at least half-time between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, and will be enrolled in a degree, diploma, or certificate program. If you need more space, attach a separate page.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College	Will be enrolled at least ½ time?
Missy Jones (example)	18	Sister (example)	Central University (example)	Yes
		Self	Texas Southern University	Yes

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1845-0041. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average twelve minutes including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, and gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202-5345.

C. TAX FORMS AND INCOME INFORMATION TO BE VERIFIED

1. TAX RETURN FILER: This section should be completed by individuals who filed a 2019 tax return.

The Data Retrieval Tool

The most accurate method of entering income information into the FAFSA is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web. If the student or parent have not already used the DRT, go to FAFSA.ed.gov, log in to the student's FAFSA record, select "Make FAFSA Corrections," and navigate to the Financial Information section of the application. From there, follow the instructions to determine if the student(spouse)/parent is eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer 2019 IRS income tax information into the student's FAFSA. In most cases it takes 2 – 3 weeks after a 2019 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS and up to eight weeks for paper IRS tax return filers to be eligible to use the DRT. If you need more information about when, or how to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool see your financial aid administrator.

STUDENT (SPOUSE)

- Check here if the Student (and Spouse) used the Data Retrieval Tool.
- Check here if the Student (and Spouse) did not use DRT and are submitting a copy of their 2019 Federal Tax Return Transcript.

PARENT(S)

- Check here if the Parent (and Spouse) used the Data Retrieval Tool.
- Check here if the Parent(s) did not use DRT and are submitting a copy of their 2019 Federal Tax Return Transcript.

****How to obtain a copy of the IRS Tax Return Transcript**

To obtain an IRS Tax Return Transcript, go to www.irs.gov and click on the "Get Your Tax Record" link, or call 1-800-908-9946.

2. NON-FILER: This section should be completed by individuals who did not file a 2019 tax return.

DEPENDENT STUDENT ONLY

- The Student was not employed, had no earned income from work in 2019, did not and was not required to file a 2019 Tax Return.
- Check here if the student did work, but did not file a 2019 tax return. Complete non-filer table below, attach all 2019 W-2's. If self-employed, attach a statement certifying the amount of Adjusted Gross Income earned and Income Tax Paid for 2019.

INDEPENDENT STUDENT (SPOUSE)

- The Student (and Spouse) was not employed and had no earned income from work in 2019. Attach Non-filing Status Verification for the Student (Spouse) - **See Instructions below.

PARENT(S)

- The Parent(s) was not employed, had no earned income from work in 2019, did not and was not required to file a 2019 Tax Return. Attach verification of Non-filing Status Verification for parent(s) – **See instructions below.
- Check here if the Parent(s) did work, but did not file a 2019 tax return. Complete non-filer table below, attach all 2019 W-2's. If self-employed, attach a statement certifying the amount of Adjusted Gross Income earned and Income Tax Paid for 2019. Parent(s) must also submit a Non-Filing Status Verification – **See instructions below.

INDEPENDENT STUDENT (SPOUSE)

- Check here if the Student (Spouse) did work, but did not file a 2019 tax return. Complete non-filer table below, attach all 2019 W-2's. If self-employed, attach a statement certifying the amount of Adjusted Gross Income earned and Income Tax Paid for 2019. Student (Spouse) must also submit a Non-Filing Status Verification – **See instructions below.

****How to obtain a copy of the Non-Filing Status Verification**

The student (spouse) or parent must submit a 4506-T Non-Filing Verification can be requested by calling 1- 800-908-9946.

3. NON-FILER TABLE: Attach a copy of all W-2 forms received from all employers for 2019.

List below the names of all the parent's and student's (and spouse's) employers even if they did not issue an IRS W-2 form, the amount earned from each employer in 2019. *If more space is needed, attach a separate page with the parent's name and Social Security Number at the top.*

Student (Spouse) / Parent Name	Employer's Name	2019 Wages Earned	W-2 Provided?
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

Dep Student Indep Student Name: _____ TSU ID: T00 _____

D. UNTAXED INCOME: DO NOT LEAVE THESE SECTIONS BLANK. Complete all sections regardless to whether you had untaxed income in that category. Enter the total amount for a 12 month period. If an item does not apply, put a zero or N/A. This form may be returned to you for completion if left blank.

Student (Spouse)	Additional Financial Information	Parent
\$	Tax-deferred pension/savings (paid directly to or withheld from earnings, such as 401k and 403b plan): W2, BOX 12 a-d CODE: D,E,F,G,H,S:	\$
\$	Child support received:	\$
\$	Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits). Don't Include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing	\$
\$	Veteran's non-education benefits such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIG) and/or VA Educational Work-Study Allowances.	\$
\$	Other untaxed income or benefits not reported in items 45a through 45h (for Student) and/or 94a through 94h (for Parents), such as worker's compensation, disability, untaxed portions of health savings accounts from IRS Form 1040 – Line 25. Don't include extended foster care benefits, student aid, earned income credit, additional child tax credit, welfare payments, untaxed social security benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act educational benefits, on-base military housing or a military housing allowance, combat pay, benefits from flexible spending arrangements (e.g., cafeteria plans), foreign income exclusion or credit for federal tax on special fuels.	\$
\$	Money received, or paid on your behalf (e.g. bills), not reported elsewhere on this form. This includes money that you received from a parent or other person whose financial information is not included on this form and that is not part of a legal child support agreement.	\$

E. Sign this Worksheet

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

By signing this worksheet, I certify that all the information reported to qualify for Federal student aid is complete and correct. I also acknowledge that verification may result in a change in my current award package, if any.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

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