

# Special Circumstances Appeal 2025-26 Unexpected or Extraordinary Expenses

The Financial Aid Office understands the FAFSA does not always accurately reflect your family's ability to contribute to educational expenses. In some cases, appeals for additional aid are considered for a change in financial or household circumstance. To request a review of your financial aid eligibility, submit a Special Conditions Appeal. Through this appeal process, the financial aid office has the authority to make changes to your FAFSA application or increase your Cost of Attendance in some cases.

It is important to know not all changes in circumstances result in an adjustment to your aid eligibility. Adjustments are also limited by fund availability. Visit our website for additional information at *www.bellevuecollege.edu/fa* 

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- ☑ File a 2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at *https://studentaid.gov*
- I Attach documentation that supports the circumstances of your appeal with your name and ctcLink ID
- Submit requested verification documents (if selected), including an IRS data transfer through the FAFSA or a 2023 IRS Tax Return Transcript/2023 signed tax return to verify income
- Complete, sign and submit this form

#### **UNEXPECTED OR EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES**

Please check the box for your special circumstance(s) and carefully read the instructions for any additional required documentation. Attach all required documents with your name and ctcLink to this form.

#### Medical/Dental Expenses not Covered by Insurance

Proof of payment, medical bills, copy of Schedule A from the 2023 Income Tax Return or an annual statement from your medical provider(s).

#### Books and Supplies

If your degree program requires you to purchase specialized equipment, supplies, or clothing, provide copies of receipts, and documentation of the requirement. Receipts must show date of purchase.

#### □ Transportation (If You Have Limited Access to Bus or Other Mass Transit Options)

Dated documentation of expense such as vehicle repairs or ferry costs. Federal law prohibits awarding federal student aid funds for car payments.

#### Daycare/Educational Costs for Disabled or Special Needs Dependents

Documentation of expense from care provider, including the name of the dependent receiving the care. We do not adjust for educational costs associated with private school tuition or expenses.

#### □ Childcare

Documentation of expense from care provider, including the name of the dependent receiving the care.

#### **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Please provide a statement describing your financial circumstances and what caused a decrease (or one-time increase) in your resources. If you need more space, please continue on reverse side or attach a separate page.

Student Name:	ctcLink ID #:

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### SIGNATURES

By signing this form, I affirm that all information on this form and on any attachments is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide additional documentation to support the information I have provided on this form. I understand that any false statements or misrepresentation may be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal and/or repayment of financial aid and I may be subject to a fine, imprisonment or both, under provisions of the United States Criminal Code.

Student Signature (Required):	Date:
Parent Signature (Required for Dependent Students):	Date:

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