

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 Circumstances 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 <https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/admissions-aid/financial-aid/>

### Instructions

- ✓ File a 2026-27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
- ✓ In the following sections, mark the boxes that apply for your special circumstance(s) and carefully read the instructions for any additional required documentation.
- ✓ Attach documentation that supports the circumstances of your appeal with your name and ctcLink ID
- ✓ Complete, sign and submit this form

### Student Information

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ctcLink ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Adjustments to Income

- Voluntary Loss of Employment**  
Proof of income earned in 2026 (i.e. Year to Date Paystub).  
Note: your income cannot exceed the Washington State Need Grant 50% Median Family Income amount. We also allow voluntary Loss of Employment for programs that require you not to work as a condition of admission to the program. Provide documentation of this if applicable.
- Loss of Employment**  
State Unemployment Insurance documentation or Letter of Termination from your employer; proof of income earned in 2026 (i.e. Year to Date Paystub)
- Reduction in Wages**  
Copy of student/parent's most recent paystub and a letter from the employer indicating pay rate or reduction in hours.
- Reduction in Untaxed Income or Benefits (i.e. child support)**  
Letter from appropriate agency or authority that details the type and amount of benefits received in 2026 and the date the benefits ended.
- One-Time Income**  
Describe the nature of the one-time income included on your, or your parents' 2024 tax return and/or reported on your FAFSA. Also, tell us why this income should not go towards paying for the cost of college. Use the 'Personal Statement' space below.

## Change in Family Status

- Divorce or Separation**  
A copy of legal separation or divorce papers, W2 wage statements and clear documentation concerning expected child and/or spousal support payment or receipt.
- Death of a Parent**  
A copy of the death certificate or obituary; documentation of any insurance payment expected to be received and W2 wage statements for the surviving parent.
- Additional Family Member Added to Your Household**  
Use the Personal Statement below to explain the change in your family, identify when the change occurred, your relationship to the family member, the type and amount of support provided, and whether or not your family will claim the person/s for tax purposes for 2024. Provide documentation if this is a change in custody or guardianship.
- Including a Parent(s) in College on FAFSA**  
Transcript or enrollment verification form (if in first term) showing enrollment for at least six credits each term, and confirmation of degree or certificate program.  
Note: parent(s) must attend school at least three out of four quarters, or two out of three semesters.

## Unexpected or Extraordinary Expenses

- Medical/Dental Expenses not Covered by Insurance**  
Proof of payment, medical bills, copy of Schedule A from the 2024 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 the date of purchase.
- Transportation (If You Have Limited Access to Bus or Other Mass Transit Options)**  
Dated documentation of expenses such as vehicle repairs or ferry costs. Federal law prohibits awarding deferral student aid funds for car payments.
- Daycare/Educational Costs for Disabled or Special Needs Dependents**  
Documentation of expenses from their 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 expenses from their care provider, including the name of the dependent receiving the care.



**2026 Projected Income**

Please estimate your 2026 earnings and income, to the best of your ability, in the following table:

Parents' Income Information (Required for dependent students only)	Calendar Year January 2026 – December 2026
Parent 1 (Father, Mother, Stepparent) Gross Income from Work	
Parent 2 (Father, Mother, Stepparent) Gross Income from Work	
Parent(s) Other Taxable Income (ex: alimony received, business income, rental income, unemployment, capital gains, interest/dividends, etc.)	
Parent(s) Other Non-Taxable Income (ex: child support, military benefits other than educational benefits, tax-deferred pensions, etc.)	
Student's Income Information	
Student's Gross Income from Work	
Spouse's Gross Income from Work	
Student and Spouse's Other Taxable Income (ex: alimony received, business income, rental income, unemployment, capital gains, interest/dividends, etc.)	
Student and Spouse's Other Non-Taxable Income (ex: child support, military benefits other than educational benefits, tax-deferred pensions, etc.)	

**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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