



2021-2022 Change in Circumstances Appeal

Student Information

Student Name: _____ Campus ID: _____

A 2021-2022 FAFSA contains 2019 income information and a point in time snapshot of your household information based on the date that you first submitted the FAFSA. If you or your family experiences a significant change in circumstances, the 2021-2022 FAFSA may no longer be an accurate reflection of your family’s financial or household information.

The purpose of this appeal is to request an update to your FAFSA based on a documented change in circumstances. **If the FAFSA update creates a change in financial aid eligibility, the financial aid package will be updated to reflect the change.**

Approved appeals may not result in an increase in financial aid.

Please include the required documents in your initial document submission. Students can submit this completed form and additional documents using the [upload form](#).

INSTRUCTIONS

- Identify the circumstances(s) for which you are requesting an appeal. (see page 2)
- Attach a typed, clear, concise, signed and dated, one-page explanation of your change in circumstances.
- Attach documentation of your change in circumstances. Examples of what may be needed can be found on the second page. Upon review of your initial appeal, additional documents may be requested.
- Attach required documents:
 - o [2021-2022 Dependent Verification Form](#), if you are required to provide parent data on the FAFSA, or [2021-2022 Independent Verification Form](#), if you are not required to provide parent data on the FAFSA
 - o 2019 Tax Return Transcripts, which can be obtained by calling the IRS at 1-800-908-9946 or by visiting the website, www.irs.gov, or signed copy of 1040s, for student and spouse, if independent, or student and parent(s), if dependent.
 - o 2019 W-2(s) for student and spouse, if independent, or student and parent(s), if dependent.

[Contact](#) your assigned financial aid counselor to schedule a time to discuss your appeal.

Initial appeals must be submitted by April 1, 2022.

Submit Change in Circumstances Appeal using upload link: <https://ofas.umbc.edu/eforms/?id=21ProfessionalJudgement>

I understand that intentionally providing false statements or misrepresentations will result in cancellation of my request. I understand that, if my appeal is approved, the recalculation of my eligibility does not guarantee receipt of additional aid. I understand that my 2021-2022 FAFSA will be verified and corrected using the documentation that I submit.

_____ Student’s Signature	_____ Date	_____ Parent 1’s Signature	_____ Date
_____ Spouse’s Signature	_____ Date	_____ Parent 2’s Signature	_____ Date
_____ Spouse’s E-mail		_____ Parent’s E-mail	



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If you have questions about what documentation to provide, please [contact](#) your assigned financial aid counselor.

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1. _____ **Reduction of earned income**

Reasons for consideration include: Terminations/Layoff from job, significant reduction of work hours, retirement, or leaving work to return to school full time.

Suggested Documentation to Include: This list is not exhaustive, please include documentation that supports the stated reason for your appeal and documents your reduction in income.

- Signed and dated letter from employer on company letterhead detailing the last date of employment
- The final paystub from your last employer
- 2020 tax return transcript, 2020 **signed** 1040, and/or 2020 W-2(s), if your income was reduced in 2020
- 2019 W-2(s)
- Documentation of severance/benefits/unemployment compensation
- Copy of your most recent paystub from current employers (include 3 most recent paystubs, if the pay is variable)
- Documentation of start date of current employment (if applicable)
- Documentation of retirement income

2. _____ **Recent unique medical expenses, not covered by insurance, which impact the ability to pay for college**

Reasons for consideration include: Medical expenses paid, not just incurred, over a recent 12 month period not covered by health/dental insurance.

Documentation to include: Proof of payment (receipts/canceled checks) made by student and spouse, if married, or student and parent(s), if dependent. Invoices are not sufficient documentation – please include proof that the expenses were paid.

3. _____ **Loss of untaxed income**

Reasons for consideration include: Loss of child support, disability benefits, or other untaxed income.

Documentation to include: Documentation of termination of benefits from benefit provider. Other documentation, as applicable. Examples include a divorce decree, court order, etc.

4. _____ **Separation or Divorce of: _____ Parent or _____ Spouse after filing 2021-2022 FAFSA (Separation must be before 12/31/2021)**

Reasons for consideration include: Parent (if dependent) or spouse (if independent) no longer residing in the household due to separations or divorce.

Documentation to include: All 2019 W-2's must be submitted to verify separation of income. Separation agreement, divorce decree, or substantial evidence (copy of mortgage/lease, utility bills, etc.) proving parent, if dependent, or spouse, if independent, is residing in separate residence. Parties in question living in the same dwelling cannot be considered.

5. _____ **Student Marriage after filing 2021-2022 FAFSA (Marriage must be before 10/1/2021)**

Reasons for consideration include: Student was single at the time they filed the FAFSA, but is now married.

Documentation to include: Copy of marriage certificate, copy of spouse's 2019 tax return transcript or **signed** 1040, and copy of spouse's 2019 W-2's. Copy of 2019 IRS Statement of Non-filer letter (if spouse did not file a tax return in 2019).

6. _____ **Death of: _____ Parent or _____ Spouse after filing 2021-2022 FAFSA**

Reasons for consideration include: Parent (if dependent) or spouse (if independent) deceased after student filed 2021-2022 FAFSA.

Documentation to include: Copy of death certificate and documentation of death benefits.

7. _____ **Parent of Dependent Student also attending college for 2021-2022 aid year**

Reasons for consideration include: Parent of UMBC student is degree seeking at a post-secondary institution. Parent must be enrolled at least ½ time (usually 6 credits) in a degree seeking program and have been counted in the 2021-2022 FAFSA household size.

Documentation to include: Official class schedule (copy) from parent's educational institution.



2021-2022 Change in Circumstances 2021-2022 Verification Form - Independent

An electronic form may be found and submitted here: <https://ofas.umbc.edu/eforms?id=21IndVerif>

Student Name: _____ Campus ID: _____

Family Information

List the people in your household. Include:

- Yourself and your spouse, if married
- Your children, if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1st, 2021 through June 30th, 2022; and
- And other people who live with you and receive more than half their support from you and will continue to live with you and receive more than half of their support from you through June 30th, 2022.

Write the names of the household members. Also write the name of the college for any household member who will be attending college at least half time (6 credits) between July 1st, 2021 and June 30th, 2022. If you need more space, attach a separate page.

Full Name	Age	Relationship	Name of College	Will be enrolled at least half time? Yes or No
		SELF	UMBC	

The household information above will be compared against your FAFSA application. Since this statement is being provided after the FAFSA, it will be accepted as most current and accurate. If necessary, our office will update your FAFSA.

Tax Filing Status

Student

Spouse (if married)

I have completed a 2019 Federal Tax Return.

I worked in 2018 but was not required to file a 2019 Federal Tax Return. I am submitting:

1. An Income Verification Form
2. Copies of all my W2s. For any wages earned that a W2 was not received, I am providing an explanation on the Income Verification Form for why a W2 is not available.
3. *A Verification of Non-filing Letter from the IRS (or other foreign government).

I did not work in 2019.

***Additional Requirement for student and/or spouse who did not work:** Submit a Verification of Non-filing Letter from the IRS (or other foreign government).

*The Verification of Non-filing Letter must be dated later than October 1, 2020 and can be requested on line at www.irs.gov by selecting 'Get a Tax Transcript' and following the prompts to obtain the letter. Alternately, it may be obtained using the paper IRS Form 4506-T and checking box 7. DO NOT request the IRS send the letter directly to UMBC.

Signatures

Warning: If you purposefully give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both. Signing this document certifies the information reported is correct and accurate.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____



2021-2022 Change in Circumstances 2021-2022 Verification Form - Dependent

An electronic form may be found and submitted here: <https://ofas.umbc.edu/eforms?id=21DepVerif>

Student Name: _____ Campus ID: _____

Family Information

List the people in your parent's household. Include:

- Yourself and your parent(s), including stepparent, even if you do not live with your parent(s). If your legal parents are separated and not living together, or if you are not sure who to list, please use the following chart to determine which parent(s) to include on this form: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/who-is-my-parent.png>
- Your parent's children, even if they do not live with your parent(s) if:
 - Your parent will provide more than half of their support from July 1st, 2021 through June 30th, 2022; OR
 - The children would be required to provide parental information when applying for federal aid
- Any other people who live with your parents and your parents provide more than half their support and will continue to live with and provide more than half of their support through June 30th, 2022.

Write the names of the household members. Also write the name of the college for any household member who will be attending college at least half time (6 credits) between July 1st, 2021 and June 30th, 2022. If you need more space, attach a separate page.

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Tax Filing Status

Student

Parent

I have completed a 2019 Federal Tax Return.

I worked in 2019 but was not required to file a 2019 Federal Tax Return. I am

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submitting: Copies of all my W2s. For any wages earned that a W2 was not received, I am providing an explanation on the Income Verification Form for why a W2 is not available

3. ***Additional Requirement for parents who did not file:** A Verification of Non-filing Letter from the IRS (or other foreign government).

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Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____