

## Section I: Student Information

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sometimes the information filed on the FAFSA does not reflect the current financial situation or take into account an unusual circumstance with you and/or your family. If your family's financial situation has changed from what was reported on the 2025-26 FAFSA you may use this form to request an evaluation of the financial aid eligibility. In certain circumstances, Trine University's Office of Financial Aid may use professional judgment, on a case-by-case basis, to adjust the information you filed on your FAFSA so it better reflects your current situation. **Complete this form only if you have already submitted the 2025-26 FAFSA.** **NOTE: Even if an adjustment to the FAFSA is made, it may not result in additional aid.**

### ***You must complete all of the following steps before this application will be reviewed:***

- Step 1: Be accepted for Admission into a degree seeking program
- Step 2: If selected, Verification must be completed prior to any special conditions review
- Step 3: Attach a detailed letter explaining the change in your family's circumstances (one page maximum)
- Step 4: Complete all sections of the Special Conditions Appeal Form. Do not leave any items blank. If a value does not apply to you, enter zero. If a section is left blank, this form will be considered incomplete and cannot be reviewed.
- Step 5: Attach all copies of requested documentation based on your family's special condition. Do not submit original documents as they will not be released back to the student or parent/spouse.
- Step 6: **All appeals require copy of parent 2023 Federal 1040 Tax Return and all applicable w2's**

### **Timeline for Processing Special Conditions Appeal Forms:**

The time needed to process these special situations can depend on several factors including the time of year, the volume of requests and receipt of required documentation, and, if required, resubmission of data to the U. S. Department of Education. Please follow all instructions completely as missing information will delay the review of your appeal. You will be notified by email of the decision of this appeal. Also, if additional information is being requested, you will be contacted by email. **Appeals can take up to 45 working days to complete from the time that all required documents have been submitted.**

It is our policy **not to consider** a reduction in income for the following circumstances:

- Expenses related to personal living (payments on any consumer loan, payment on student or PLUS Loans, payments on back taxes owed to the IRS, credit card bills due to discretionary purchases, other miscellaneous consumer expenses)
- Bankruptcy, foreclosures or collection costs associated with outstanding debt
- Debt Forgiveness that reflects as income on a tax return
- Lottery or gambling winnings or losses
- Income annually reported on line 17 on the Schedule 1 of your Federal 1040 Tax Return
- Costs of college expenses incurred for a sibling seeking a degree, a parent seeking an advanced degree, or college courses taken while in high school
- Expenses resulting from illegal activity

If you are not certain whether your circumstances can be considered for review, please contact our office.

## Section II: Special Conditions

Complete the items below by providing **all** applicable documents listed under each condition that applies to you. Indicate the date that this change occurred. *(You may select more than one item.)*

A. Loss of Employment/Reduction in Wages or Income		
Check the individual who had a loss/reduction of employment or wages and date that this occurred. <b>Required Documentation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of 2024 federal income tax forms with all schedules and all applicable w2's-parent(s) on FAFSA</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of 2023 federal income tax forms with all schedules and all applicable w2's-parent(s) on FAFSA</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of most recent paystub from previous job</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of most three recent pay stubs from current job</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attach letter from employer regarding job loss or change in job status</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attach documentation of unemployment benefits</li> </ul>	Individual	Date of loss
	<input type="checkbox"/> Student	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Father(step)	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother(step)	_____

B. Loss of benefits (unemployment, alimony) or loss of untaxed income (Disability SSI, Child Support, Workers Comp, etc.)		
Check the individual who lost benefits or untaxed income and the date this occurred Type of benefit reduced/lost: _____ <b>Required Documentation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Letter from unemployment office stating start/end dates of benefit and amount and/or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Court document stating start/end dates of alimony benefit and amount and/or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Letter from Social Security Administration documenting the start/end dates and amount of SS benefits and/or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Letter from court documenting start/end dates and amounts of child support, and/or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Letter from Bureau of Worker's Compensation stating start/end dates and amount</li> </ul>	Individual	Date of loss
	<input type="checkbox"/> Student	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Father(step)	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother(step)	_____

C. Separation or Divorce since completion of 2025-26 FAFSA		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I am a student who has already applied for Federal Student aid as being married, but I have separated or divorced since that time</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I am a student who has already applied for Federal Student aid, but my parents have separated or divorced since that time.</li> </ul> <b>Required Documentation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Letter from lawyer stating the effective date of separation, or a</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of divorce decree (if no formal agreement is initiated, please document separate residences.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of <b>2023 &amp; 2024</b> Federal Tax Forms and all applicable w2's for both years</li> </ul>	My...	Date of
	<input type="checkbox"/> Separation	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent's Separation	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent's Divorce	_____

D. Death of Parent or Spouse		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I am a student who has already applied for Federal Student aid as being married but, since that time my spouse has become deceased.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I am a student who has already applied for Federal Student aid but, since that time one of my parents has become deceased.</li> </ul> <b>Required Documentation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Death Certificate</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of <b>2023 &amp; 2024</b> federal tax forms and applicable w2's for both years</li> </ul>	My...	Date of
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse's Death	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent's Death	_____

**E. High Medical Expenses not paid by insurance during Calendar year 2024***Note: You may request an adjustment only if you paid over 11% of your adjusted gross income***Required Documentation:**

- Attach a copy of medical, dental and pharmacy bills that were paid out of pocket in calendar year 2024.
- Receipts
- Copy of **2023 & 2024** federal tax forms and all applicable w2's for both years
- Copy of 2024 Schedule A is also required

**F. Lump Sum/One time Income****Required Documentation:**

- Detailed letter explaining source of the one-time income that you do not anticipate receiving again
- Supporting documentation such as tax return showing rollover or receipts detailing how money was used (Bank Statements or other proof of how the funds were used)

**G. Other: Please describe and provide documentation to support your change in circumstances****Section III: Projected 2025 Income Information**

Report all actual/anticipated taxable and nontaxable 2025 income (from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026). Answer these questions as accurately as you can. If a question does not apply or you don't expect to receive any income from that source, write in "0." Round amounts to the nearest dollar.

<b>2025 Taxable Income</b>	<b>Student (and Spouse)</b>	<b>Parent/Step Parent</b>
Income earned from work (wages, salaries, tips)	\$	\$
Unemployment Compensation	\$	\$
Other Taxable Income (Include interest, dividends, alimony, rents, royalties, business income, etc.)	\$	\$
<b>Total Taxable Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>2025 Non-Taxable Income</b>		
Earned Income Credit	\$	\$
Social Security Benefits	\$	\$
Child Support	\$	\$
Veterans Non-Educational benefits	\$	\$
Other Untaxed Income (Include Workman's Compensation, Black Lung Benefits etc.)		
Cash, Checking and Savings	\$	\$
<b>Total Non-Taxable Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

Under the Higher Education Act of 1965, the Financial Aid Office has full discretion under the Professional Judgment clause to either approve or deny requests as they determine appropriate. An aid administrator's decision regarding adjustments is final and cannot be appealed to the Department of Education.

The approval of your special conditions request does not in any way, guarantee your eligibility for financial aid. For some students already receiving maximum awards, the financial aid amount may not change following Special Conditions approval. Please realize that financial aid was created to supplement the expected family contribution, as determined by the U.S. Department of Education and not to replace it. Each family will have to finance their share of college costs using different combinations of savings, current income and future income depending on their unique situation.

We cannot revise financial aid because a family or student experiences a short-term cash flow problem occasioned by such things as a purchase of a new home, high credit card debt, remodeling, repairs, or the purchase of consumer durable items such as automobiles or appliances. We cannot revise aid because family assets are not liquid nor because families make investment or business decisions, which tie up capital.

#### **Section IV: CERTIFICATION**

Each person signing this form certifies that all the information reported on it is complete and correct. The student and at least one parent, if applicable, must sign and date.

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

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

Parent/Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to:**

**Trine University  
Financial Aid Office  
1 University Ave  
Angola, IN 46703**

**Phone: 800-347-4878  
Fax: 260-665-4511**

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Prior Year Special Condition: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
Not Eligible for Special Condition \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Condition Denied \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Condition Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Old EFC \_\_\_\_\_ New EFC \_\_\_\_\_  
Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_