

Student's Name _____

Social Security Number _____

Home Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

SUNY NIAGARA

A community college sponsored by Niagara County

FINANCIAL AID SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES APPEAL OPPORTUNITY

2026-2027 Award Year

Students and their families often experience unforeseen circumstances and/or expenses during an academic year. If you have encountered a significant reduction of income (since 2024), you may fill out this form to determine if you are eligible for any additional federal aid. To help us make this determination, please submit a **2026-2027 Verification Worksheet** along with a clear explanation and reasonable documentation.

1. Briefly describe your circumstances below:

2. Please check the box that applies to your situation:

- ☐ Unemployment or change in employment

() Student/ Spouse () Parent

Date of occurrence: _____

Submit last cumulative pay stub, a letter from the employer (termination, lay off, etc.), and approval of unemployment benefits letter.

- ☐ Divorce/Separation—Provide earlier date

Date of occurrence: _____

Submit a copy of a divorce decree or separation papers. If legal action has not been started, please provide documentation of separate residences (current utility bills from each household).

- ☐ Death of parent (if dependent) or spouse

Date of occurrence: _____

Submit a copy of death certificate.

- ☐ Disability of student, spouse, or parent

Date of occurrence: _____

Submit a letter from your physician, approval notice from worker's compensation, or approval notice from disability compensation.

3. Complete this form on the back estimating taxable and non-taxable income for 2026.

4. Sign this Certification: All of the information on this form and attached documentation is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. **Failure to submit all required documentation will result in the return of the request.**

Student: _____ Date: _____

Parent: _____ Date: _____
(Father/Mother/Stepparent)

PLEASE BRING THIS COMPLETED FORM TO OUR FINANCIAL AID OFFICE AFTER JULY 1, 2026 ALONG WITH A COPY OF YOUR 2024 TAX RETURNS AND ANY OF THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED.

ANY REQUEST AFTER NOVEMBER 1ST MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH A 2026 TAX RETURN.

ESTIMATED 2026 INCOME (IF SUBMITTING YOUR REQUEST AFTER NOVEMBER 1ST, DO NOT ESTIMATE 2026 INCOME. PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR 2026 TAX RETURN INSTEAD.)

Annual Taxable Income	Student	Spouse	Mother/ Step-Mother	Father/ Step-Father
Wages, Salaries, Tips	\$	\$	\$	\$
Interest	\$	\$	\$	\$
Dividends	\$	\$	\$	\$
Unemployment	\$	\$	\$	\$
Distributions	\$	\$	\$	\$
Pensions	\$	\$	\$	\$
Alimony	\$	\$	\$	\$
Business/Farm Income or Loss	\$	\$	\$	\$
Rental Income or Loss	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other Taxable Income	\$	\$	\$	\$
Annual Untaxable Income	Student	Spouse	Mother/ Step-Mother	Father/ Step-Father
Social Security Benefits	\$	\$	\$	\$
Child Support	\$	\$	\$	\$
AFDC/ADC/TANF	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other Welfare Benefits	\$	\$	\$	\$
Personal Contributions to Retirement Accounts	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other Untaxed Income	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total 2026 Estimated Income	\$	\$	\$	\$

Office Use Comments:	
Decision Status:	Initials/Date: