

TROY UNIVERSITY
PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT/SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE REQUEST
2020-2021



Call 1-800-414-5756 for questions

Personal Information

Name _____
First Middle Maiden Last

Student ID Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Email _____

Address _____
Street/P.O. Box City State Zip

Home Phone _____ Other Phone _____

The fact that the student might be eligible for more aid based upon the use of 2019 information is not, by itself, sufficient reason for a professional judgment decision to use 2019 income.

- 1) I am requesting an adjustment in my 20/21 financial aid because (please check):
All documentation submitted must be original. (No Photocopies or Faxes)
 - a. **Deceased Parent(s) or Spouse:** must provide a statement how this changes the family income; attach an original death certificate.
 - b. **Marital Status Change: Marriage/Divorce/Separation:** must provide a statement explaining how the expected income will change; attach an original marriage certificate, divorce decree, or legal separation.
 - c. **Unemployment:** must provide a statement giving the reason for unemployment and the last day worked along with the expected income for the current year; attach verification from the State Unemployment Office of all benefits entitled to receive. Elected unemployment does not necessarily constitute a special circumstance.
 - d. **Medical:** must provide an itemized list of all expenses not covered by insurance that you are required to pay personally; attach copies of all receipts or payments.
 - e. **Homeless & Unaccompanied Youth:** must be verified on an attached agency letterhead from one of the following agencies: a high school district homeless liaison; a director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development; a director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determines that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.
 - f. **Special Circumstance:** must provide documentation on why you think you have a special circumstance and are unable to provide parental information. Examples of some special circumstances would include: if both your parents are incarcerated; you have left home due to an abusive family environment (you would have to provide police reports, medical documentation, court records, etc.)
 - g. **Proof of Emancipated Minor/In Legal Guardianship/Orphan/ or Ward of the Court:** must provide a copy of the court's decision that proves you were an emancipated minor before becoming an adult, in legal guardianship, an orphan, or a ward of the court.
- 2) Must provide signed copies of your and (your spouse's Tax transcript if married and your parent's transcript(s) if dependent) most recent Federal Income Tax transcripts including all schedules and W-2s before your adjustment request will be reviewed.
- 3) Return this form, your letter including your statement/itemized list and all documentation to:

Troy University
Financial Aid Office
134 Adams Administration Bldg.
Troy, AL 36082

- 4) The professional financial aid staff will review your appeal and respond to you in writing.