

2021-2022 APPEAL FORM FOR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Student UCM ID _____

Student Full Name _____

Special Circumstances Appeals may be submitted after 2021-22 financial aid has been awarded. We recommend accepting your current financial aid awards as-is to ensure that your bill is paid on time. Submitting all required documents for an appeal does not guarantee that financial aid awards will change. Awards may remain the same, be increased, or reduced. If any changes are warranted after your bill is paid, changes would be retroactive to the start of the 2021-22 academic year. All students submitting Special Circumstances Appeals are subject to being [selected for verification](#). If selected, verification must be completed, even if you decide later not to proceed with the appeal. All appeal communications including notifications about any additional required documentation and final appeal decisions will be sent directly to your UC Merced email address.

Special Circumstances for Consideration - Please review and indicate which Special Circumstance applies to you. Documentation listed as **required (*)** must be submitted along with this form to review your request. **Please print your name and UC Merced ID number at the top of all submitted documents.**

All requests must include:
***A signed statement explaining Special Circumstances**
***Signed 2019 and 2020 IRS Federal Tax Returns**
(Including any Schedules 1, 2, or 3)

Special Circumstance	For a Dependent Student	For an Independent Student	Required Documentation
<input type="radio"/> Loss of Employment	You or your parent(s)' income earned in 2021/2022 will be less than what was earned in 2019.	Your (and/or your spouse's) income earned in 2021/2022 will be less than what was earned in 2019.	* Unemployment Award Letter * Last pay stub showing year-to-date earnings * Termination notice from employer * All 2019, 2020, and 2021 W-2s
<input type="radio"/> Other Loss of Income or Extraordinary Expenses * Alimony * Child Support * Retirement/Pension * Social Security (taxed) * Worker' Compensation	*You or your parent(s)' received benefits in 2019 which have ceased or been reduced in 2021/2022.	*You (and/or your spouse) received benefits in 2019 which have ceased or been reduced in 2021/2022.	* Original 2019 Benefit statement listing total amount received * Revised 2021/2022 Benefit statement and/or court documents listing updated amount to receive and effective date
<input type="radio"/> Separation or Divorce	Your parents separated or divorced after filing the financial aid application but no later than 12/31/2021.	You and your spouse separated or divorced after filing the financial aid application but no later than 12/31/2021.	* Divorce decree or separation agreement or proof of separate addresses * All 2019, 2020, and 2021 W-2s
<input type="radio"/> Death of a Parent or Spouse	A parent has died after filing the financial aid application.	Your spouse has died after filing the financial aid application.	* Death certificate * All 2019, 2020, and 2021 W-2s
<input type="radio"/> One-Time Payment Received	Your parent(s)' received a one-time lump sum payment of monies in 2019.	You (and/or your spouse) received a one-time lump sum payment of monies in 2019.	* Documents detailing one-time payment amount, source, reason

Student/Parent Certification - All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide further documentation to substantiate the information provided. I understand that all special circumstances are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and this written request may not ultimately result in actual change in financial aid.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Spouse Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature for Dependent Students Only--Spouse Signature For Independent Students Only (if applicable)

We cannot accept typed signatures. Please either print and sign this form with wet signatures or sign with drawn or electronic signatures.