



2023-2024 Special Circumstances Appeal

Student UCM ID _____

Student Full Name _____
 First Name _____ Last Name _____ M.I. _____

Special Circumstances Appeals may be submitted after 2023-2024 financial aid has been awarded. Submitting an appeal does not guarantee that financial aid awards will change. Awards may remain the same, be increased, or reduced. Students submitting a Special Circumstances Appeal may be [selected for verification](#), which must be completed even if you decide not to proceed with the appeal. All communications, including notifications about any additional required documentation and final appeal decisions, will be sent to your UC Merced e-mail address.

Section A: Special Circumstance

Select your special circumstance below. Documentation listed as **required (*)** must be submitted along with this form.

All requests must include:
***A signed statement explaining Special Circumstances**
***Signed 2021 and 2022 IRS Federal Tax Returns (Including any Schedules 1, 2, or 3)**

Special Circumstance	For a Dependent Student	For an Independent Student	Required Documents (Print UCM ID# on all documents)
<input type="radio"/> Loss of Employment	You or your parent(s)' income earned in 2023-2024 will be less than what was earned in 2021.	Your or your spouse's income earned in 2023-2024 will be less than what was earned in 2021.	* Unemployment Award Letter * Last pay stub showing year-to-date earnings * Termination notice from employer * All 2021 and 2022 W2s
<input type="radio"/> Other Loss of Income * Alimony/Child Support * Retirement/Pension * Social Security (taxed) * Worker's Compensation	You or your parent(s) received benefits in 2021 which have ceased or been reduced in 2023-2024.	You or your spouse received benefits in 2021 which have ceased or been reduced in 2023-2024.	* Original 2021 Benefit statement listing total amount received * Revised 2023-2024 Benefit statement 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 12/31/2023.	You and your spouse separated or divorced after filing the financial aid application but no later than 12/31/2023.	* Divorce decree or separation agreement or proof of separate addresses * All 2021 and 2022 W2s
<input type="radio"/> Death of a Parent or Spouse	Your parent died after filing the financial aid application.	Your spouse died after filing the financial aid application.	* Death certificate * All 2021 and 2022 W2s
<input type="radio"/> One-Time Payment Received	Your parent(s) received a one-time lump sum payment in 2021.	You or your spouse received a one-time lump sum payment in 2021.	* Documents detailing one-time payment amount, source, reason

Section B: Student & Parent/Spouse Certification

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide further documentation to substantiate the information provided if requested. I understand that all requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and my request may not result in an 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 sign this form with drawn signatures.