

2024-2025 Special Circumstances Appeal

Student UCM ID

Special Circumstances Appeals may be submitted after 2024-2025 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 <u>selected for verification</u>, 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.

	<u>ALL REQUESTS MUST INCLUDE:</u> *A <u>signed statement</u> explaining Special Circumstances *S <u>igned 2022 and 2023 IRS Federal Tax Returns</u> (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)	
0	employment/income Change in income, alimony/child support,		You or your parent(s)' income earned/benefits received in 2024-2025 will be less or ceased than what was earned/received in 2022.	Your or your spouse's income earned/benefits received in 2024-2025 will be less than what was earned/received in 2022.	 * Unemployment Award Letter * Last pay stub showing year-to-date earnings * Termination notice from employer * All 2022 and 2023 W2s * Original 2022 Benefit statement listing total amount received * Revised 2024-2025 Benefit statement or court documents listing updated amount to receive and effective date
0	Received		ltime lumn sum navment in	You or your spouse received a one- time lump sum payment in 2022.	* Documents detailing one-time payment amount, source, reason
0	Death of parent or		financial aid application but	You and your spouse separated or divorced or your spouse died after filing the financial aid application but no later than 12/01/2024.	 Divorce decree or separation agreement or proof of separate addresses Death certificate All 2022 and 2023 W2s
0	Uncommon Expe Medical/Dental Expe Child care expense o uncommon circumst	ense or other tance	Imedical/dental expenses or	You and your spouse had medical/ dental expenses or uncommon expenses not covered by insurance	* Medical Bills, explanation of benefits, statements from your insurance that shows your remaining out of pocket costs Estimates will not be accepted

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.