

### 2024-2025 Professional Judgement

**Special Circumstances** 

Use this form to communicate **Special Circumstances**, such as a significant decrease in income or a life event that has altered your income since completing the FAFSA.

If you believe you have **Unusual Circumstances** – such as human trafficking, refugee or asylee status, parental abuse or abandonment – that may lead to changing a student's dependency status, more commonly referred to as dependency override, or an Independent Status Request due to Homelessness, <u>please contact the financial</u> aid office for guidance on next steps.

Requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the financial aid director after a Professional Judgement Request form is completed and submitted with all required statements and supporting documentation; students are notified via email of a decision within 30 days.

### **Section A: Student Information**

	Student's First Name	Student's M.I.	Student's Colby-Sawyer ID
Student's Mailing Addre	ess (include apt. number, if a	Student's Date of Birth	
City	State	Zip Code	Student's Home Phone Number
Student's Email Address			Student's Cell/Alternate Phone Number
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# **Section C: What Best describes your Special Circumstances?**

	Reduction in income or Loss of Employment
	Reduction in Income
	Provide employer letter verifying reduction in salary
	Provide most recent pay stubs
	Loss of Employment
	Provide letter verifying of separation from employer
	<ul> <li>Provide Severance Benefit Statement and/or Unemployment Benefit Statement</li> <li>Provide the last pay stub from employer</li> </ul>
	Separation or Divorce
	Provide legal documentation of separation or divorce
	Provide documentation of current address of BOTH parents
	<ul> <li>Provide most recent W2's and/or 1099's for BOTH parents</li> </ul>
	> If the student was married, provide the documentation above as it pertains to the student and former spouse.
	Parent or spouse included on the FAFSA has passed away
	Please contact the financial aid office for guidance on next steps
	Unreimbursed medical expenses
	Provide copies of paid out-of-pocket bills for unusually high medical expenses
<u>Section</u>	D: Federal Tax Verification
	US Department of Education verification must be completed before adjustments may be made
	<ul> <li>Dependent Students: http://colby-sawyer.edu/assets/admissions/dependent-verification.pdf</li> </ul>
	Independent Students: <a href="http://colby-sawyer.edu/assets/admissions/independent-verification.pdf">http://colby-sawyer.edu/assets/admissions/independent-verification.pdf</a>
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	I have already completed tax verification

## **Section E: Certification and Signatures**

Your signature on this form indicates that the information provided is true and complete to the best of your knowledge. You also understand that purposely providing false or misleading information may result in a fine, jail or both.		
Student Signature (Required)	 Date	

Please upload or mail this worksheet and any related documents to the Financial Aid Office.

#### **Upload:**

https://www.dropbox.com/request/Z6aiO6ER2AZ63jP0RmVi

#### Mail:

Colby-Sawyer College Financial Aid Office 541 Main Street New London, NH 03257

**Contact Us:** 

Phone: 603-526-3717 / 800-272-1015 Email: financialaid@colby-sawyer.edu Please do not submit this form via email

We recommend that you make a copy of this worksheet for your records.