

# Special Circumstance Appeal

## 2025-26



### Appeal Policy

Your eligibility for financial aid was initially calculated based on the information you provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Using this information all families undergo a consistent evaluation of the family's ability to pay for college. The formula assumes that 2023 income is a good indicator of the family's financial strength during the student's 2025-2026 enrollment.

The Office of Student Financial Services at Marietta College recognizes that families experience changes in income or other family circumstances that are not reflected in the 2023 tax return information. Therefore, it is possible for students to appeal their financial aid eligibility if they have special financial circumstances.

#### Examples of Special Circumstances considered:

- Reduction of income or benefits, or changes in employment status.
- Extraordinary medical or dental expenses.
- Death of a parent or spouse whose information is on the FAFSA form.
- Divorce or separation after filing the 2025-2026 FAFSA form.
- Natural Disaster expenses not covered by insurance.

#### Examples of Special Circumstances not considered:

- Home repairs
- Credit card debt
- Mortgage payments
- Weddings and other major purchases
- Car payments
- Previous educational loan debt

Please remember, granting appeals is based on a one-time special circumstance. It also depends on the availability of funds and the timeliness of your FAFSA. Submitting this form does not guarantee an adjustment or increase in your financial aid. In the event that we are not able to offer additional financial aid please review the alternative financing options and payment plans available to help finance your education. Information regarding loans is available on our website at <https://www.marietta.edu/fa-cover-everything>. The interest free payment plan is available and information is located at <http://www.marietta.edu/payment-options>.

Appeals are reviewed within 30 days after receipt of all required and supporting documentation. However, response times may vary depending on volume of appeals at the time of your request.

✦ If you determine that your 2025 income will be the same or higher than 2023's, do not complete this form.

✦ Please do not disregard your Marietta College bill due date while waiting for the appeal decision. ✦

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last, First MI

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Did you file a financial aid appeal during the 2024-2025 Academic Year?**  Yes  No

## B. Appeal Categories and Supporting Documentation:

Carefully read and select the categories from the following list that most closely describe your special circumstance(s) and provide all supporting documents. Incomplete appeals will not be considered after 60 days.

✦ **2023 Federal Tax Return Transcripts are REQUIRED, unless the Direct Data Exchange tool was used on the FAFSA form, for all Appeals for Special Circumstance.** ✦

Type of appeal (check all that apply)	Documentation to include with appeal
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Decrease in student/spouse income from employment in 2025 of at least 8 weeks.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement documenting retirement benefits for 2025.</li> <li>• Letter from employer documenting employment status (e.g. full-time to part-time or termination).</li> <li>• Unemployment Benefits statement.</li> <li>• Last pay stub after separation from job.</li> <li>• Recent pay stubs from spouse (if applicable).</li> <li>• Copies of statements indicating severance pay.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Decrease in parent income from employment in 2025 of at least 8 weeks.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement documenting retirement benefits for 2025.</li> <li>• Letter from employer documenting employment status (e.g. full-time to part-time or termination).</li> <li>• Unemployment Benefits statement.</li> <li>• Last pay stub after separation from job.</li> <li>• Recent pay stubs from spouse (if applicable).</li> <li>• Copies of statements indicating severance pay.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unreimbursed medical or dental expenses paid in 2024 or 2025. Must exceed 11.5% of AGI.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a summary of PAID unreimbursed expenses (deductibles, co-pays, after tax insurance, prescription medications, expenses for durable medical equipment, and other amounts not covered by insurance) for 2024 and/or 2025.</li> <li>• COBRA payments made.</li> <li>• <b>*Elective cosmetic or dental expenses will not be considered.*</b></li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Death of immediate family member whose information is on the FAFSA.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide copies of 2023 W-2 forms.</li> <li>• Provide copy of Death Certificate</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Divorce or separation after filing the 2025-2026 FAFSA.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete copy of divorce decree or complete copy of separation agreement. If no legal separation documentation exists, provide a statement indicating the date of the separation.</li> <li>• Provide documentation for <u>both parents'</u> living expenses at different addresses (e.g.: rental agreement, lease or mortgage statement and utility bills).</li> <li>• Provide agreement of financial support payments (e.g. alimony, spousal support, child support or dependent care).</li> <li>• List the number of family members currently in the household.</li> <li>• Copies of 2023 W-2 forms.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Natural Disaster Expenses not covered by Insurance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies of all expenses regarding natural disaster.</li> <li>• Copies of what is covered by insurance.</li> </ul>

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## C. Income Information for 2025:

The following section requires you to provide your actual and expected 2025 income. Do not put hourly wage. Instead, please compute the full amount you have or will receive.

Expected 2025 Income	Student	Spouse	Father/ Stepfather	Mother/ Stepmother	Documents Required
Gross Income EARNED from work: 1/1/2025 through present date	\$	\$	\$	\$	Current or Final Pay Stub
Gross Income TO BE EARNED from work: present date through 12/31/2025	\$	\$	\$	\$	Current Pay Stub
Severance Pay	\$	\$	\$	\$	Letter from Company
Unemployment Benefits	\$	\$	\$	\$	Documentation from Agency
Workman's Comp Benefits	\$	\$	\$	\$	Documentation from Agency
Pension Distributions	\$	\$	\$	\$	Pension Statement
Business Income	\$	\$	\$	\$	Letter from Accountant or Quarterly Statement
Alimony	\$	\$	\$	\$	Letter from Court
Child Support Received	\$	\$	\$	\$	Letter from Court
Early Withdrawal from Retirement Funds	\$	\$	\$	\$	Letter outlining how funds were used
<b>Total Expected 2025 Income:</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	

\*Do not include the value of on-base military housing or the value of a basic military allowance for housing.

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## D. Personal Statement:

Explain below what has caused the changes in your family's circumstances. Attach a separate sheet if necessary. Remember to write your name and Student ID on each page.

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Please submit completed form with supporting documentation to Student Financial Services, 215<sup>th</sup> Street, Marietta, OH 45750, no later than:

✦ **November 7, 2025 - if your appeal is for the 2025-2026 Academic Year.**

✦ **April 3, 2026 - if your appeal is for the Spring 2026 semester only.**

If any information or documents are missing or incomplete, your appeal can not be processed.

## F. Signature and Certification:

I certify that the information submitted for this appeal is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide all supporting documentation required. I understand that failure to comply may result in the cancellation of this appeal. I further understand that if I have provided information in previous appeals, this may be reviewed for accuracy and it may impact the outcome of this and or any future appeal. It is the family's responsibility to notify our office if any of the above information should change. This notification should occur within two weeks of any change.

✦ **Please do not disregard your Marietta College bill due date while waiting for the appeal decision.** ✦

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required for Dependent Student)

**Submit completed form and documentation to the Student Financial Services office at  
[finaid@marietta.edu](mailto:finaid@marietta.edu).**

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