

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Special Circumstances Request - Dependent
2024-2025

Student's Name _____ Winthrop ID Number _____

Please Note

- Deadline to submit request: March 1, 2025
- Special consideration is generally given only for those circumstances described below because many adjustments are already considered in the calculation from the FAFSA.
- Typically, the only additional type of financial aid the student may be eligible to receive is the federal Pell Grant, and the possibility of reallocating some of their unsubsidized loan into a subsidized loan (if they aren't already receiving the maximum allowable amount based on grade level).

Step One – Initial Paperwork

1. A brief letter describing the special circumstances to be considered.
2. Submit the following Dependent Verification forms:
 - a. 24/25 Verification - Dependent (www.winthrop.edu/finaid/forms-online.aspx).
 - b. 24/25 Tax Return Verification Student - Dependent (www.winthrop.edu/finaid/forms-online.aspx).
 - c. SIGNED copy of parent's 2022 federal tax return (1040)

Step Two – Reason for Request

Check One	Reason for Appeal	Required Documents
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduction in income for at least 8 weeks (example: loss of employment) <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Student	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Letter from previous and/or current employer stating last date of employment and/or reason for unemployment/decrease in pay.2. Most recent pay stub showing year-to-date earnings.3. Proof of unemployment benefit amount or statement that you do not qualify for unemployment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parents' Divorce/Separation *Note – Parents must be separated for at least eight weeks before submitting this form.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A copy of the divorce decree or separation agreement OR a signed statement from parent stating date of separation and proof of separate residences for each parent.2. 2022 W2's for each parent.3. Assets – Parent Form (www.winthrop.edu/finaid/forms-online.aspx).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Death of parent	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A copy of the death certificate and/or obituary.2. 2022 W2's and 1099's for both parents.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical/Dental (paid medical bills)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Total out-of-pocket paid medical/dental expenses not covered by insurance that are in excess of 11% of your adjusted gross income may be considered. If you meet these criteria, contact the Office of Financial Aid for a <i>Medical/Dental Adjustment Request Form</i>.

Step Three – Projected Income

Sources of Income (If item does not apply write in \$0)	Actual (Jan 1 – Today 2024)		Estimated (Today – Dec 31, 2024)		2024 Total
Gross Wages/Tips/Severance – Father/Parent 1		+		=	
Gross Wages/Tips/Severance – Mother/Parent 2		+		=	
Other Taxable Income (Alimony, Social Security, Retirement, etc.) Type: _____		+		=	
Taxable Pensions and Annuities		+		=	
Business Income/Loss		+		=	
Unemployment Benefits		+		=	
Other Untaxed Income (Pensions/Annuities, Disability, etc.) Type: _____		+		=	
Other: _____		+		=	
TOTAL 2024 Estimated Income		+		=	
Student's 2024 Income (if less than 2023)		+		=	

Processing time for the *Special Circumstances Request* takes approximately 4-5 weeks. Submission of the *Special Circumstances Request* in no way guarantees an adjustment to the student's financial aid and does not waive payment deadline dates. We recommend that the student complete all current aid requirements and accept any financial aid the student wishes to use to pay his/her bill.

By signing below, we certify that the information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of our knowledge. We understand that if we do not submit any missing information within 30 days of the request, our *Special Circumstances Request* will be cancelled by the Office of Financial Aid. The Office of Financial Aid reserves the right to review all requests on a case by case basis and make adjustments if deemed appropriate. Finally, we understand that the financial aid administrator's decision is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

Parent's E-mail

Parent's Phone Number