

What is a FAFSA Adjustment?

The 2026-27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) requires students to provide family size and 2024 tax information. For independent students, this includes spouse information, if married. For dependent students, this includes information for parents. The U.S. Department of Education uses this information when calculating the Student Aid Index (SAI). The SAI number results from the information that you provide on your FAFSA form. The SAI is used to determine aid eligibility.

Sometimes there may be a special circumstance not reflected on the FAFSA that reduces a family's ability to pay for college and education-related expenses. Situations can include:

- losing a job
- a reduction in taxed or untaxed income
- a large amount of medical or dental expenses paid by you (not covered by insurance)
- a change in parents' marital status after the FAFSA was completed
- a **one-time** Higher Income Event such as inheritance, severance, IRA/pension distribution, etc.

Verification Requirement:

Students must complete the FAFSA verification process before the Wright State University Office of Financial Aid (OFA) can review their FAFSA Adjustment request. If a student has not already been selected for verification by the U.S. Department of Education, the OFA will assign verification requirements when their FAFSA Adjustment Form is received. Additional requirements for this process can be viewed in WINGS.

If your special circumstance involves a **Loss of Income**, you will need to choose which tax year (2025 or 2026) you would like the OFA to review. The FAFSA Adjustment Form has checkboxes for you to pick an option. Follow the instructions on the form to submit the appropriate documents for your option.

Example from the FAFSA Adjustment Form:

If income loss is due to a job loss or reduction in pay, write in job loss date and select Option 1 or Option 2.

⇒ Job Loss Date: _____ ⇒

Option 1 - Income loss is reflected on 2025 federal tax return

Option 2 - Income loss is for the current year 2026

FAFSA Adjustment - Process

The priority deadline to submit the FAFSA Adjustment form and supporting documentation to Enrollment Services is **April 1, 2027**. A student's financial aid must be offered and accepted before the end of the academic year or before a student ceases enrollment, whichever is earlier.

Submitting the FAFSA Adjustment Form does not guarantee the student's SAI will be adjusted. The OFA will notify students via their Wright State University email when the review is complete.

Please be sure to sign SECTION F before submitting the FAFSA Adjustment Form.

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Section A: Student Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ ^{Required ↓} University ID (UID): _____
 Cell Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Section B: Special Circumstance and Required Documentation

Check the box(es) for the circumstance(s) that pertain to you or your family. *Please include the student's name/UID on all documentation.*

Special Circumstance Categories	Required Documentation
<input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare Expenses (paid in 2025) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excessive medical/dental expenses paid by you in 2025 Not covered by insurance Not covered by a third-party Amount higher than accounted for on FAFSA Includes: medical, dental, premiums 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax Transcript (or <i>signed copy</i> of 2025 Federal Income Tax Form 1040) Schedules 1, 2, 3 (<i>only those schedules filed with the tax return</i>) Schedule A itemized deductions (<i>only if filed with the tax return</i>) Copies: receipts; medical provider statements; canceled checks
<input type="checkbox"/> One-time Higher Income Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurred in 2024 Reported on 2026-2027 FAFSA Income is nonrecurring <p>Includes: inheritance, severance, IRA/pension distribution, or a settlement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must complete Section C and Section E of this form Statement confirming the income is nonrecurring Documentation of untaxed income (for amounts put in Section C) W-2s for 2025 (include spouse's W-2s also, if married) Tax Transcript (or signed copy of 2025 Federal Income Tax Form 1040) Schedules 1, 2, 3 (only those schedules filed with the tax return)
<input type="checkbox"/> Parents' Marital Status Changed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married as of the date the FAFSA was filed Now separated, divorced, or widowed Change occurred on/before Dec. 31, 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of death certificate; separation agreement; divorce decree Tax Transcript (or signed copy of 2025 Federal Income Tax Form 1040) Schedules 1, 2, 3 (only those schedules filed with the tax return) W-2s for 2025 (for the remaining parent in the household)
<p>If income loss is due to a job loss or reduction in pay, write in the job loss date and select Option 1 or Option 2.</p> <p>→ Job Loss Date: _____ →</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Income (2025 or 2026 compared to 2024) Change in income amounts reported on the 2026-2027 FAFSA, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income Earned from Work Unemployment Adjusted Gross Income Child support –received amount is less 	
<p>Submit these items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter of termination date/reduced wages/hours on company letterhead Documentation of untaxed income (<i>From Section C or D – see below</i>) <p>AND 2025 tax documents — If Option 1 was chosen above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Section C of this form (<i>using 2025 taxes</i>) W-2s for 2025 (<i>include spouse's W-2s also, if married</i>) Tax Transcript (or signed copy of 2025 Federal Income Tax Form 1040) Schedules 1, 2, and 3 (<i>only those schedules filed with the tax return</i>) <p>OR 2026 income documents — If Option 2 was chosen above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Section D of this form (<i>using 2025 income</i>) Copies of last pay stubs for 2026; unemployment; other types of income Also include spouse income items for 2026, if married 	

Section C. Income Amounts for 2025

Complete this section if the special circumstance is for a **loss of income (2025 taxes)** or a **one-time event (2025 taxes)**.
If married: please also complete items for the spouse.

Taxable Income For January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025 <i>Enter -0- for items that do not have an amount.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent 1 (father/ mother/ stepparent)	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent 2 (father/ mother/ stepparent)	<i>Complete this section only if the special circumstance is for the student/(spouse).</i>	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Student's Spouse
Income Earned From Work	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other Taxable Income Including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business income or <loss> • Capital gains • IRA distributions • Taxable portion of Pensions and annuities • Unemployment compensation • Other (please explain): _____ 	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Taxable Income	\$	\$	\$	\$

Untaxed Income; Income Exclusions For January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025 <i>Enter -0- for items that do not have an amount.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent 1 (father/ mother/ stepparent)	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent 2 (father/ mother/ stepparent)	<i>Complete this section only if the special circumstance is for the student/(spouse).</i>	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Student's Spouse
Child Support Received	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other Untaxed Income Including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Untaxed portions of IRA distributions • Untaxed portions of pensions and annuities • IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans • Tax exempt interest • Foreign income exclusion • Other (please explain): _____ 	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Untaxed Income	\$	\$	\$	\$



Section D. Anticipated Income amounts for 2026

This section is for a **loss of income in 2026**. Please provide complete documentation for the income you will be receiving in 2026 from all sources including child support, unemployment, and self-employment. ***If married: complete items for the spouse, too.***

Taxable Income For January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 <i>Enter -0- for items that do not have an amount.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent 1 (father/ mother/ stepparent)	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent 2 (father/ mother/ stepparent)	<i>Complete this section only if the special circumstance is for the student/(spouse).</i>	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Student's Spouse
Income Earned From Work	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other Taxable Income Including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business income or <loss> • Capital gains • IRA distributions • Taxable portion of Pensions and annuities • Unemployment compensation • Other (please explain): _____ 	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Taxable Income	\$	\$	\$	\$

Untaxed Income; Income Exclusions For January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 <i>Enter -0- for items that do not have an amount.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent 1 (father/ mother/ stepparent)	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent 2 (father/ mother/ stepparent)	<i>Complete this section only if the special circumstance is for the student/(spouse).</i>	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Student's Spouse
Child Support Received	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other Untaxed Income Including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Untaxed portions of IRA distributions • Untaxed portions of pensions and annuities • IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans • Tax exempt interest • Foreign income exclusion • Other (please explain): _____ 	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Untaxed Income	\$	\$	\$	\$



Section E. Statement for a One-Time Higher Income Event that Occurred in 2024

Complete this section only if the special circumstance is a one-time higher income event on your 2024 taxes.

Please provide a statement explaining the one-time higher income event from 2024:

Section F. Certification Statement

I certify that the information I have provided on this form, and all the accompanying documentation, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to submit additional documentation if requested by the Office of Financial Aid.

Signature cannot be typed.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature (for dependent student only)

Date