



## 2020-2021 Professional Judgment/Special Circumstance Request

Financial aid administrators are authorized to use their professional judgment to make adjustments of student data based on unusual circumstances. Students are required to provide acceptable documentation to support any adjustments. The aid administrator's decision as to whether or not to make adjustments is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education.

Please read all sections of this form carefully and provide all documentation requested. You must attach documentation or the request will not be reviewed.

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### STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Program of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

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### STEP 1: I am requesting an adjustment in the calculation of my 2020-2021 financial aid eligibility due to:

- Deceased Parent(s) or Spouse:** Provide a statement of how this will affect the family income, and attach an original death certificate or certified copy.
- Divorce/Separation:** Provide a statement explaining how the expected family income has changed, and attach an original divorce decree or legal separation agreement or certified copy.
- Unemployment:** Provide a statement giving the reason for unemployment and the last day worked along with the expected income for the current year, and attach documentation of all benefits received from the State Unemployment Office.
- Homeless or Unaccompanied Youth:** Must be verified on an attached agency letterhead from one of the following agencies: a high school district homeless liaison; a director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program; a director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program confirming that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.
- Special Circumstance:** Provide documentation on why you think you have a special circumstance or are unable to provide parental information. Examples of some special circumstances could include: incarceration of one or both parents, or leaving home due to an abusive family environment (you may be asked to provide police reports, medical documentation, court records, etc.).

**STEP 2: Provide a typed explanation of your circumstances on the back of this form or on an attached sheet of paper.**

**STEP 3: Return this form, your letter including your statement/itemized list and all documentation to one of the following:**

ESCC Financial Aid Office  
P.O. Box 1300  
Enterprise, AL 36331

or

Alabama Aviation Center  
3405 South US Highway 231  
Ozark, AL 36360

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I certify that all information and documentation provided is accurate and true. I understand that misrepresentation of information may result in repayment of federal and state financial aid received.

**STUDENT'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICE USE ONLY:

Action: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	
Signature: _____	Date: _____

Please use the space below to explain why you are requesting an adjustment to your Student Aid Report. You must also attach all documentation requested in Steps 1 & 2.