

2020-2021 Professional Judgment Appeal Request

Student Information Please print clearly—illegible documents cannot be processed						
Stu	Student Name: Campus ID:					
Sometimes families experience special circumstances which merit recalculating their financial aid eligibility based on their projected annual 2020 income rather than the federally required 2018 income. Professional judgment appeal requests are reviewed only after the student has submitted all necessary primary information. The appeal committee may request additional documentation after initial review. Requested documentation must be submitted within 90 days after the initial request or the appeal will be denied without the option for reconsideration. All Professional Judgment Appeal requests will be selected for verification of 2018 data before 2020 adjustments can be considered. Please be advised that Professional Judgment Appeal Requests, if approved, are granted on a one-time, case-by-case basis. All appeal decisions are final. Approved appeals may not necessarily qualify the student to receive additional financial aid. The appeal committee reserves the right to request your tax return for 2020 after the appeal has been approved. Review of your 2020 tax information may impact future award offers. Once a decision has been made, the student will be notified via their UMBC e-mail.						
INSTRUCTIONS						
	Attach a typed , clear, concise, signed and dated, one-page explanation of your circumstances. Attached required documentation of your circumstances as listed on the attached form. Upon review of your appeal, the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships may request additional documentation. Complete the 2020-2021 Verification Form—Dependent or the 2020-201 Verification Form—Independent Attach 2018 Tax Return Transcripts, which can be obtained by calling the IRS at 1-800-908-9946 or by visiting the website, www.irs.gov , for student and spouse (if independent) and parent(s) if dependent. Attach 2018 W-2's for student and spouse (if independent) and parent(s) if dependent. Complete the attached asset form for student and spouse (if independent) and parent(s), if dependent. Please note, the numbers on the asset form should be what was accurate from the time that you first submitted the 2020-2021 FAFSA . Contact your assigned financial aid counselor to schedule a time to submit your appeal.					
APPEALS SUBMITTED WITHOUT THE ABOVE REQUIRED DOCUMENATTION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED						
I understand that intentionally providing false statements or misrepresentations will result in cancellation of my request. I understand that if my appeal is approved, the recalculation of my eligibility does not guarantee receipt of additional aid.						
Student's Signature Date			1's Signature	Date		
Spou	ise's Signature Dat	Parent	2's Signature	Date		



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Stı	udent Name: Campus ID:						
1.	Minimum 20% Reduction of 2020 Income						
	2020 income changes due to termination/layoff from job cannot be accepted until after July 1st, 2020. If you are self-employed,						
	earn bonuses, earn commission, or receive overtime pay, the committee may not be able to accurately evaluate your appeal						
	without a copy of your 2020 tax return transcript(s),						
	Reasons for consideration include: Terminations/Layoff from job, significant reduction of work hours, retirement or return to school						
	full time.						
	<u>Documentation to Include:</u> Signed and dated letter from employer on company letterhead listing the last date of employment,						
	documentation of total earnings from former employers from January 1st 2020 through date of unemployment (if applicable) in the						
	form of last paystub or 2020 W-2(s), documentation of severance/benefits/unemployment compensation, copy of most recent						
	paystub from <u>current</u> employers, documentation of start date of current employment (if applicable), documentation of retirement						
	$income, and documentation of unemployment from 2020. If you have questions about what documentation to provide, please \\ \underline{contact} \\$						
	your assigned financial aid counselor.						
2.	Unique medical expenses totaling more than 20% of income in 2020						
	Reasons for consideration include: Medical expenses paid, not just incurred, in 2020 and were not covered by health/dental insurance						
	Documentation to include: Proof of payment (receipts/cancelled checks) made by student, spouse (if married), parents (if dependent).						
	Invoices are not sufficient documentation. You must submit proof that the medical expenses were paid in 2020.						
3.	Loss of untaxed income of at least 20% in 2020						
	Reasons for consideration include: Loss of child support, disability benefits, or other untaxed income.						
	<u>Documentation to include:</u> Documentation of termination of benefits from benefit provider. Other documentation as applicable,						
	examples include a divorce decree, court order, etc.						
4.	Separation or Divorce of: Parent orSpouse after filing 2020-2021 FAFSA (Separation must be						
	before 7/1/2020)						
	Reasons for consideration include: Parent (if dependent) or spouse (if independent) no longer residing in the household due to						
	separations or divorce.						
	<u>Documentation to include:</u> All W-2's must be submitted to verify separation of income. Separation agreement, divorce decree, or						
	substantial evidence (copy of mortgage/lease, utility bills, etc.) proving parent (if dependent) or spouse (if independent) is residing in						
	separate residence. Parties in question living in the same dwelling WILL NOT be considered.						
5.	Student Marriage after filing 2020-2021 FAFSA (Marriage must be before 7/1/2020)						
	Reasons for consideration include: Student was single at the time they filed the FAFSA but is now married.						
	<u>Documentation to include:</u> Copy of marriage certificate, copy of spouse's 2017 tax transcript and copy of spouse's 2018 W-2's. Copy of						
	2018 IRS Statement of Non-filer letter (if applicable).						
6.	Death of: Parent orSpouse after filing 2020-2021 FAFSA						
	Reasons for consideration include: Parent (if dependent) or spouse (if independent) deceased after student filed 2020-2021 FAFSA.						
	Documentation to include: Copy of death certificate and documentation of death benefits.						
7.	Parent of Dependent Student also attending College for 2020-2021 aid year						
,.	Reasons for consideration include: Parent of UMBC student is degree seeking at a post-secondary institution. Parent must be enrolled						
	at least ½ time (usually 6 credits) in a degree seeking program and have been counted in the 2020-2021 FAFSA household size.						
	Documentation to include: Official class schedule (copy) from parent's educational institution.						
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2020-2021 Professional Judgment Appeal Request **Student Asset Information**

Student Information

Please print clearly—illegible documents cannot be processed. The information provided on this form will be compared against the 2020-2021 FAFSA. Please enter the information that was accurate as of the date the student first submitted the 2020-2021 FAFSA. For example, if the FAFSA was filed on October 1, 2019, the information provided on this form should be what was true as of October 1, 2019.

Student Name:	Campus ID:			
Asset	Current Net Worth	Does this match what you entered on the 2020- 2021 FAFSA? Yes/No		
Please report the requested information as of the date the student filed the 2020-2021 FAFSA.	Net worth means the current value minus debt. If the net worth is negative, enter \$0. Enter \$0 for assets listed that you do not own. If the statement does not apply, enter \$0.	Write: Yes or No. Provide an explanation if the answer is no.		
Current Savings Account Balance	\$			
Current Checking Account Balance	\$			
Real Estate Investment (not including the home you live in)	\$			
Trust Funds	\$			
Money Market Finds	\$			
Mutual Funds	\$			
Certificates of Deposits	\$			
Stocks	\$			
Stock Options	\$			
Bonds	\$			
Education IRAs	\$			
College Savings Plans	\$			
Business Value*	\$			
Investment Farm Value	\$			
time employees or full-time equivalent employ person who are directly related or were related questions. Otherwise enter \$0.	ees. Family owned- and controlled d by marriage (family members do ed is true and accurately repre	parent own and control AND that has more than 100 full- d means that more than 50% of the business is owned by a not have to be counted in the household size for the sents my net worth as of the day I filed the FAFSA. I to verify our asset information.		
Student Signature:		Date:		



Student Name:

2020-2021 Professional Judgment Appeal Request Parent Asset Information—Dependent Students Only

Please print clearly—illegible documents cannot be processed. The information provided on this form will be compared against the 2020-2021 FAFSA. Please enter the information that was accurate as of the date the student first submitted the 2020-2021 FAFSA. For example, if the FAFSA was filed on October 1, 2019, the information provided on this form should be what was true as of October 1, 2019.

Campus ID:

Parent Asset	Parent Current Net Worth	Does this match what you entered in the student section of the 2020-2021 FAFSA? Yes/No
Please report the requested	Net worth means the	Write: Yes or No. Provide an explanation if the
information as of the date the student	current value minus debt . If	answer is no.
filed the 2020-2021 FAFSA.	the net worth is negative,	
	enter \$0. Enter \$0 for	
	assets listed that you do not own. If the statement	
	does not apply, enter \$0.	
Current Savings Account Balance	\$	
Current Checking Account Balance	\$	
Real Estate Investment (not including the home you live in)	\$	
Trust Funds	\$	
Money Market Finds	\$	
Mutual Funds	\$	
Certificates of Deposits	\$	
Stocks	\$	
Stock Options	\$	
Bonds	\$	
Education IRAs	\$	
College Savings Plans	\$	
Business Value*	\$	
Investment Farm Value	\$	
*Only include the value of a small business tha	it your parent(s) and/or your step-	parent own and control AND that has more than 100 full-
		d means that more than 50% of the business is owned by
•	d by marriage (family members do	not have to be counted in the household size for the
questions. Otherwise enter \$0.		
We certify that all of the information prov	vided is true and accurately ren	presents our net worth as of the day the student filed
		al documentation to verify our asset information.
	e required to provide dualities.	
Student Signature:	Date:	
Parent Signature:		Date:



2020-2021 Professional Judgment Appeal Request 2020-2021 Verification Form- Independent

Student Name:		Campus ID:			
<u>Family Information</u> List the people in your <u>household</u> . Incl	ude:				
	ovide more than ha with you and recei	ve more than half their sup	y 1 st , 2020 through June 30 th , 20 port from you and will continue	021; and to live with you and receive more than	
Write the names of the household me (6 credits) between July 1st, 2020 and .				vill be attending college at least half time	
Full Name	Age	Relationship	Name of College	Will be enrolled at least half time? Yes or No	
		SELF	UMBC		
The household information above wil	 I be compared aga	inst your FAFSA applicatio	n. Since this statement is being	provided after the FAFSA, it will be	
accepted as most current and accurat	e. If necessary, ou	r office will update your FA	FSA.		
	e completed a 201 ked in 2018 but wa		8 Federal Tax Return. I am sub	mitting:	
	 An Income Verification Form Copies of all my W2s. For any wages earned that a W2 was not received, I am providing an explanation on the Income Verification Form for why a W2 is not available. *A Verification of Non-filing Letter from the IRS (or other foreign government). 				
*Add	I did not work in 2018. *Additional Requirement for student and/or spouse who did not work: Submit a Verification of Non-filing Letter from the IRS (or other foreign government).				
*The Verification of Non-filing Letter n Transcript' and following the prompts request the IRS send the letter directly	to obtain the lette			 _ :	
<u>Signatures</u> Warning: If you purposefully give false certifies the information reported is co	=		you may be fined, sentenced to	o jail, or both. Signing this document	
Student Signature:			Da	te:	



2020-2021 Professional Judgment Appeal Request 2020-2021 Verification Form- Dependent

Student Name:		Campus ID:			
<u>Family Information</u> List the people in your parent's <u>household</u> . In	ıclude:				
	no to list, please s/default/files/wy do not live wit e more than hal required to provour parents and yrough June 30th, also write the	use the following chart to on the is-my-parent.png In your parent(s) if: If of their support from July ide parental information worder parents provide more 2021.	determine which parent(s) to inc 1 st , 2020 through June 30 th , 202 hen applying for federal aid than half their support and will of thousehold member who will be	lude on this form: 1; OR continue to live with and provide	
Full Name	Age	Relationship	Name of College	Will be enrolled at least half time? Yes or No	
		SELF	UMBC	10001110	
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The household information above will be conaccepted as most current and accurate. If ne				vided after the FAFSA, it will be	
Tax Filing Status Student Parent					
Student Parent I have comp	oleted a 2018 Fed	deral Tax Return.			
I worked in :	2018 but was no	ot required to file a 2018 Fe	deral Tax Return. I am submittir	ng:	
1. /	An Income Verifi	cation Form			
		W2s. For any wages earned ion Form for why a W2 is n		m providing an explanation on the	
3.		uirement for parents who		n-filing Letter from the IRS (or other	
*Additional	I did not work in 2018. *Additional Requirement for parents who did not work: Attach a Verification of Non-filing Letter from the IRS (or other foreign government).				
*The Verification of Non-filing Letter must be Transcript' and following the prompts to obta request the IRS send the letter directly to UM	in the letter. Alt	•	· ·		
<u>Signatures</u> Warning: If you purposefully give false or mis certifies the information reported is correct a		tion on this worksheet, you	may be fined, sentenced to jail,	or both. Signing this document	
Student Signature:			Date: _		
Parent Signature:			Date:		

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