



2025-2026 Request for Professional Judgement Form

Student Name

Peirce ID #

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Phone #

Peirce College Email

Ability to Benefit from an Appeal

Please refer to the below guidelines to determine if you will benefit from an appeal

I filed my FAFSA and received a SAI of less than or equal to zero which qualifies me for the maximum Pell grant.	You are already receiving the maximum in federal financial aid. Submitting this form will not result in any changes.
I filed my FAFSA and received a SAI that did not qualify me for Pell grant eligibility.	Submitting an appeal does not guarantee a change to your financial aid status.

Peirce College recognizes that special circumstances may affect a student's eligibility for federal financial aid. Special circumstances can include, but are not limited to, loss of income, loss of employment, loss of benefits, death or divorce.

This request form is designed to document such information for review by the Office of Student Financial Services. Complete **all** sections of this form and submit it with the appropriate documentation indicated in Step 1 and Step 2 of this form. Please note that additional documents may be requested.

To be considered for a Professional Judgment:

- You must have a 2025-2026 FAFSA on file.
- If your FAFSA was selected for verification, the verification process must be completed before submitting this form.

***Professional Judgement decisions are final and are based upon the regulatory parameters established by the U.S. Department of Education.**



Step 1: Please identify the special circumstance(s) from the list below and check the applicable box(es) for the person(s) affected.

Special Circumstance	Explanation	Person(s) Affected	Required Documentation
Employment Change	Student/spouse and/or your parent(s) had a significant loss of income in 2024, 2025, and/or 2026 due to a period of unemployment, a change of job or going from full-time to part-time employment. Loss of employment or substantial reduction in income from work that has lasted at least 6 weeks in 2024.	<input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-2026 Standard Verification Worksheet • Detailed signed personal statement • *2023 and 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcripts, W-2s and/or 1099 statements • Signed statement from employer on official letterhead with termination date and last paystub • Print out of Unemployment Payment Record https://www.uc.pa.gov/ • Public and/or other type(s) of Assistance Letter (if applicable) • Most recent paystubs
Income Loss	Student/spouse and/or your parent(s) earned income in 2023 but have not been able to earn income in 2024, 2025, 2026 because of a disability or natural disaster that occurred in 2024 or 2025.	<input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-2026 Standard Verification Worksheet • Detailed signed personal statement • *2023 and 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcripts, W-2s and/or 1099 statements • Statement from agency with effective dates of benefits • Most recent paystubs
Benefit Loss	Student/spouse and/or your parent(s) received unemployment compensation and/ or untaxed benefit in 2023 or 2024, but have completely lost the benefit in 2024, 2025, and/or 2026. The untaxed income or benefit must be from a public or private agency, from a company or from an authorized individual due to a court order.	<input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-2026 Standard Verification Worksheet • Detailed signed personal statement • *2023 and 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcripts, W-2s and/or 1099 statements • Statement from agency with effective date(s) of loss/cancellation of benefits
Separation	Student or parent separated or divorced after filing a FAFSA.	<input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-2026 Standard Verification Worksheet • Detailed signed personal statement • *2023 and 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcripts, W-2s and/or 1099 statements • Copy of divorce decree. If not legally separated, proof of different addresses for both parents (utility bill, lease indicating period of separation) • Lease with dates that include the period of separation for both parents • Child support received or paid
Death	Death of spouse or parent after filing a FAFSA	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-2026 Standard Verification Worksheet • Detailed signed personal statement • *2023 and 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcripts, W-2s and/or 1099 statements • Copy of death certificate • Social Security benefits (if applicable) • Most recent paystubs



Step 2: Provide a **typed and signed** (Digital or handwritten signature), detailed statement, in your own words, describing the changes that occurred.

The statement must include:	<input type="checkbox"/> Date when the circumstance(s) changed. <input type="checkbox"/> Explanation of living expenses during this time period for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You/Spouse • Parent (If dependent student)
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Step 3: In the chart below, please indicate the monthly amount that is applicable to the time- frame indicated in Step 2. *Please complete all fields. Enter "0" for any fields that do not apply*

Income Source	Student/Spouse	Parent
Wages earned	\$	\$
Unemployment Compensation	\$	\$
Pension Withdrawal	\$	\$
Worker's Compensation	\$	\$
Child Support Received	\$	\$
Child Support Paid	\$	\$
Veteran's Benefits	\$	\$
Disability Benefits	\$	\$
Severance Pay	\$	\$
Cash Support	\$	\$
Other Income	\$	\$
Total Income	\$	\$

Step 4: Certification

I certify that the information provided on this form, and supporting documents, is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge. I agree to provide additional documentation, if requested. **I understand that if at any time there is a change in the estimate of the income that was submitted on this form, I will notify the Office of Student Financial Services.** I understand that the Professional Judgment form submitted without required supporting documentation and letter of explanation will not be reviewed. **I also understand that submission of a Professional Judgment form does not guarantee that my financial aid will be adjusted, and that I am responsible for any outstanding balance owed to the college.**

Certification Statement:

Student Signature:	Date:
Spouse Signature (if applicable):	Date:
Parent Signature (Dependent Student Only):	Date:

Submit your completed form using the Secure Document Upload Portal

<https://forms.peirce.edu/4725699>