



WHEELING UNIVERSITY

2026-2027 Special & Unusual Circumstances Form

Student Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

If you or your family have/has experienced a loss in income or unusually high medical expenses, Wheeling University may be able to make adjustments to your Student Aid Index (SAI). In order to take the special condition into consideration, you must file a 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), complete the applicable sections below and include all necessary documentation.

Part I – Family Size Information

Dependent Students – list the people in your Family Size:

- Yourself
- Parent(s) (including step-parent) even if you don't live with them
- Your parent(s)' other children, even if they do not live with your parent(s), if your parent(s) will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 or if the children would be required to give parental information on the FAFSA
- Any other people if they will live with your parent(s) and will receive more than half of their financial support from them from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Independent Students – list the people in your Family Size including:

- Yourself and your spouse, if married
- Your children/stepchildren if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2024 of if the children would be required to provide your information if they were completing a 2026-2027 FAFSA.
- Any other people if they will live with you and will receive more than half of their financial support from you from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2024

Full name	Relationship	Age	Will be enrolled in college at least half time (yes or no)	College
1. _____	_____	____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	____	_____	_____

Check all the conditions below that describe your situation and **attach the required documents**.

1. Death of parent or spouse

2. Separation or divorce of parent or student

3. Reduction of untaxed income (i.e. child support ended)

- #### 4. Permanent and total disability

5. Loss or reduction of income

6. Unusually high medical expenses during 2023, 2024, or 2025

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ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY

Part III – Estimated 2025 Income

If your total 2026 income will be lower than your 2025 income, you must complete this section.

- Complete both tables. Report all of your income before exemptions, adjustments and deductions.
- Include all income/benefits that you and/or your parent(s)/spouse expect to receive from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.
- **Complete all items. If an item does not apply, you must enter “0”.**

2026 Estimated Gross Taxable Income	Dependent Students	Parent	Parent/Stepparent
	Independent Students	Student	Spouse
1. Wages, salaries, tips (including severance pay)		\$	\$
2. Pensions and annuities		\$	\$
3. Interest, dividends and capital gains		\$	\$
4. Business or farm income		\$	\$
5. Social Security benefits (taxable)		\$	\$
6. Income received from rents after expenses (mortgage interest, taxes and ins.)		\$	\$
7. Alimony		\$	\$
8. Unemployment compensation		\$	\$
9. Any other taxed income		\$	\$
Total 2023 Estimated Taxed Income (1-9)		\$	\$

2026 Estimated Untaxed Income	Dependent Students	Parent	Parent/Stepparent
	Independent Students	Student	Spouse
1. Payment to tax deferred pension and savings plan (paid directly or withheld from earnings). Including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 forms in Boxes 12a through 12d, codes D, E, F, G, H and S.		\$	\$
2. IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE and Keogh		\$	\$
3. Child support received for all children.		\$	\$
4. Tax exempt interest income.		\$	\$

5. Untaxed portions of IRA distributions.	\$	\$
6. Untaxed portions of pensions.	\$	\$
7. Living and housing allowances for clergy, military and others. • Include cash payments or cash value of benefits • Exclude rent subsidies for low income housing. • Members of the military should only report their total Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) benefits for 2025. Do not include any military housing benefits (BAH/BAQ) or the value of on-base military housing.	\$	\$
8. Veteran's non-education benefits such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances.	\$	\$
9. Any other untaxed income and benefits such as Workers Compensation, disability, etc.	\$	\$
10. Cash support or money paid on behalf of the student or family, not reported elsewhere on this form. List type(s): _____	\$	\$
Total 2025 Estimated Untaxed Income (1-10)	\$	\$

Part IV – Required Documentation

In addition to the information requested in Part II, you must also attach all of the documentation listed below. Forms without all documentation will not be reviewed.

All Students:

- ☐ Student's 2024 and 2025 IRS Tax Transcript or 2024 and 2025 IRS Verification of Non-filing letter
- ☐ Student's 2024 and 2025 W-2 form(s) for all 2024 and 2025 employers
- ☐ All required documentation from Part II

Dependent students must also submit:

- ☐ Parent(s)' 2024 and 2025 IRS Tax Transcript(s) or 2024 and 2025 IRS Verification of Non-filing letter
- ☐ Parent(s)' 2024 and 2025 W-2 form(s) for all 2024 and 2025 employers

Married students must also submit:

- ☐ Spouse's 2023 and 2024 IRS Tax Transcript or 2023 and 2024 IRS Verification of Non-filing letter

Part V – Certification

- ☐ I certify that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- ☐ I understand that if I underestimate my income, I may have to repay any aid that I receive based on that data.

Student Signature	Date
Parent Signature (dependent student)	Date
Parent's name (please print)	Parent contact information

Please return to the **Financial Aid Office**: in-person, by email to FinAid@wheeling.edu, fax to 304-243-2500, or Mail: Wheeling University Financial Aid, 316 Washington Ave, Wheeling, WV 26003