

2013-2014 Financial Aid Appeal



Student's Name _____ Banner ID _____

At John Carroll University, we recognize the substantial investment families make when a student enrolls. Our hope is that every student finds John Carroll affordable. To that end, the Financial Aid Appeals Committee exists to consider formal requests for additional aid when a family feels that their unique situation has not been captured or accurately reflected through the federal financial aid process.

We ask that you complete this form, attach appropriate documentation and detail about the nature of your appeal so the Appeals Committee may best understand and act upon your request. The Committee will determine if using Professional Judgment will impact your actual FAFSA needs analysis which could allow adjustments to your federal and/or state financial aid. Also, the Committee will consider, subject to your special circumstances and our budget availability, whether additional institutional aid may be awarded. ***Filing this form does not guarantee an increase in your financial aid.*** Additional information may be required before any change in assistance can be made. Decisions of the appeals committee are final. Further appeals will be reviewed only if new information or circumstances arise.

Check all that apply and provide as much supplemental material as possible.

- Parochial/Private School Tuition.** Payments of private tuition for siblings other than the applicant or other college students in the family. **Document amount paid between January and December 2012. Must exceed 6% of parent's income.**
- Excessive Medical or Dental expenses.** Expenses should be those not reimbursed, covered by insurance or pre-tax dollars (excluding insurance premiums). Document expenses paid between January and December 2012. Must exceed 11% of parent income. Bills are not acceptable. Submit cancelled checks, receipts for payment or Schedule A of 1040.
- Substantial change in the family financial situation:**
 - A wage earner became recently separated from a job for at least 10 weeks or has recently retired. Provide last pay stub.
 - Currently receiving unemployment benefits or have lost benefits. Submit unemployment paperwork.
 - Child support or alimony lost or decreased in 2012 or 2013. Submit current and previous court order.
 - Decrease or loss of other benefits received (must be a 15% decrease in parent's total income).
 - Receipt of one-time (lump sum) payments received in 2012 not realized previously. Submit prior 3 year federal taxes.
 - Recent death of parent whose income was reported on FAFSA. Submit death certificate and enclose surviving parent's current pay stub.
 - Separation/Divorce of parents **after** the FAFSA was filed. Submit court paperwork and custodial parent pay stub.
 - Additional sibling in college.
 - Excessive, **unreimbursed** child care or nursing home expenses realized in 2012.
 - Unusual debt **paid** in 2012 for legal fees, educational loans or failed business ventures.
- Other.** On a separate page, please detail other special circumstances that have not been defined on this sheet that should be considered by the Appeals Committee when re-examining your financial aid award.

Additional Documentation: Samples of supplemental documentation are listed above when applicable. Please include as much detail and documentation as possible regarding your situation. A letter explaining your current financial situation is helpful.

Please return this sheet along with any supporting documentation to the Office of Financial Aid. **Requests for additional and more detailed documentation may follow.** The process will be delayed or canceled if all requested documents are not received.

Parent Name _____ Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Phone Number _____ Parent Email _____

Information can be forwarded to:

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