

# 2016-2017 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 after an initial award is issued and 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 home. **Document amount paid between JANUARY AND DECEMBER 2015. Must exceed 6% of parent's income**
- Excessive Medical or Dental Payments.** Payments should be those not reimbursed, covered by insurance or pre-tax dollars (excluding insurance premiums). **Document expenses paid between January and December 2015. As a general guideline expenses should exceed 11% of the parent's income as a guideline on whether or not to submit an appeal based on this circumstance. WE CANNOT ACCEPT BILLS.** Submit canceled checks, receipts for the entire year 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 recently retired. Provide last pay stubs for both wage earners, including the parent still employed.
  - Currently receiving unemployment benefits or loss of benefits and not returning to work. Submit unemployment paperwork.
  - Child support or alimony lost or decreased in 2015 or 2016. Submit current and previous court order.
  - Decrease or loss of other benefits received in 2015 (must be a 15% decrease in parent's total income).
  - Receipt of one-time (lump sum) payments received in 2015 not realized previously. Submit prior 3 years 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.
  - Decrease in EFC from prior years since your entry to JCU due to additional sibling in college, will only be reviewed with continuing students.
  - Unusual debt paid in 2015 for legal fees, educational loans or failed business ventures.
  - Excessive, unreimbursed child care or nursing home expenses realized in 2015.
  - Other

**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; incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Not Applicable for students deemed Independent for Federal Student Aid Purposes

### Information can be forwarded to:

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