

Academic Year: 2025 - 2026

Form: Independent Loss of Employment

Student's Name: _____ Student's ID #: _____

Please scan and submit your appeal documents at www.umgc.edu/help/submit-case.cfm.

If your family has experienced significant changes in income that occurred **on or after 01/01/2025** that merit recalculating your financial aid eligibility based on your projected annual 2025 income, rather than the federally required 2023 income, please complete this form. You must be able to document that the reduction of income has occurred for a period of *at least ten weeks prior* to submitting the appeal.

Before your appeal can be considered, your 2025 - 2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed and all required documents must be submitted. UMGC is held accountable for all decisions made and must be able to fully document why a decision was made to adjust a student's FAFSA. **If an appeal is incomplete it will not be reviewed.**

Submission of an appeal **does not guarantee** approval of an appeal. Additionally, approval of an appeal does not guarantee receipt of additional aid. You are responsible for all outstanding charges with UMGC.

Required Documents: If a document listed below is not applicable to your situation, please submit a signed statement indicating why you do not have the document.

1. Completed appeal form – both pages
2. A typed statement that explains your circumstances in detail – must be signed by hand and dated
3. [2023 Tax Return Transcript](#) and all accompanying schedules or signed copy of 2023 IRS Form 1040 federal tax return and all accompanying schedules for student
[2023 Tax Return Transcript](#) and all accompanying schedules or signed copy of 2023 IRS Form 1040 federal tax return and all accompanying schedules for student for spouse (if applicable)
4. [2023 Wage and Income Transcript](#) for student
[2023 Wage and Income Transcript](#) for spouse (if applicable)
5. The final/most recent **2025** pay-stubs for all members of your family size
6. Termination notice(s) from employer(s) or letter(s) of resignation
7. Benefit statement(s) from Unemployment Administration showing monthly benefits **or** denial thereof

INSTRUCTIONS: Please provide all information requested in the following sections. If any are left incomplete, your appeal will not be reviewed.

Part 1: List all projected annual income and benefits from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 .

SOURCE OF INCOME (projected until end of the year)	STUDENT	SPOUSE
Wages, salaries, tips (including severance pay)	\$	\$
Pensions and Annuities	\$	\$
Interest and/or Dividend Income	\$	\$
Business/farm Income	\$	\$
Unemployment Compensation	\$	\$
Alimony	\$	\$
Social Security/SSI Benefits	\$	\$
Workers Compensation	\$	\$
Disability Benefits	\$	\$
Retirement Benefits	\$	\$
Child Support	\$	\$
Welfare Benefits/TANF	\$	\$
Other Untaxed Income	\$	\$
TOTAL INCOME	\$	\$

Part 2: Please complete the chart below by listing all members of your family size. If additional space is needed, use an extra page. The definition of family size includes:

Yourself

Your spouse, if you are married

Your children -- even if they do not live with you -- if you will provide more than half of their financial support from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 or if they would be required to provide parental information if they were completing their own FAFSA for 2025 - 2026.

Other people who now live with you, if you provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2026.

Full Name	Age	Relationship
		<i>Self</i>

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide further documentation to substantiate the information provided. I understand that all special circumstances are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and this written request does not guarantee approval and/or may not ultimately result in an actual change to the financial aid already offered. All persons providing information must sign below.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____