



**Part B: Check the box that appropriately reflects your/your family's special circumstance.**

*If none of the following circumstances are applicable to your/your family's situation, please do not complete the rest of the form.*

| <b>Special Circumstance</b><br>Check the box that appropriately reflects your circumstance   | <b>Definition</b><br>Reason for submission  | <b>Required Documentation</b><br><u>Dependent</u> students must submit all student <b>and</b> parental tax returns, W-2 forms, 1099 forms, etc.   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Involuntary</b> loss of income or employment (wage/employment, alimony, child support, retirement/pension, taxed social security, worker's compensation) | Income and/or benefits in 2024 were significantly less than in 2023.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of loss of employment or other income</li> <li>• Unemployment benefit statement/history</li> <li>• 2023 &amp; 2024 signed Tax Return Form 1040 (and 1040X if amended) with all applicable schedules</li> <li>• 2023 &amp; 2024 W-2 Forms and 1099 Forms</li> <li>• Last pay stub showing year-to-date earnings and withholdings</li> </ul> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One-time payment, such as a retirement account withdrawal or retroactive wages  | A lump-sum payment was received in 2023 and will not be received again.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 &amp; 2024 signed Tax Return Form 1040 (and 1040X if amended) with all applicable schedules</li> <li>• 2023 &amp; 2024 W-2 Forms and 1099 Forms</li> <li>• Documentation of one-time payment</li> <li>• Letter explaining what the funds were used for and the remaining balance of the payment</li> </ul>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Separation or divorce   | FAFSA information does not reflect your parent(s) current marital status or income.<br><br><i>Note: Recent non-legal separations are subject to a six-month waiting period.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Divorce/separation agreement or attorney letter</li> <li>• Documentation of separate residences</li> <li>• 2023 &amp; 2024 signed Tax Return Form 1040 (and 1040X if amended) with all applicable schedules</li> <li>• 2023 &amp; 2024 W-2 Forms and 1099 Forms</li> <li>• Household Member Form for dependent students</li> </ul>                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Death of a parent   | Parent passed away after the 2025-2026 FAFSA was filed  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Death certificate</li> <li>• Amount of any death benefits to be received</li> <li>• 2023 &amp; 2024 signed Tax Return Form 1040 (and 1040X if amended) with all applicable schedules</li> <li>• 2023 &amp; 2024 W-2 Forms and 1099 Forms</li> </ul>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical/dental expenses   | Expenses paid out-of-pocket that exceed 11% of 2023 total income  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 &amp; 2024 signed Tax Return Form 1040 (and 1040X if amended) with all applicable schedules</li> <li>• 2023 &amp; 2024 W-2 Forms and 1099 Forms</li> <li>• Copies of all out-of-pocket paid expenses (not bills) for 2024</li> </ul>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other extenuating circumstance  | Extenuating circumstance <b><u>not</u></b> listed above   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit individual documentation to validate your circumstance</li> </ul>   |

