

Part B: Check the box that appropriately reflects your special circumstance.

If none of the following circumstances are applicable to your situation, please do not complete the rest of the form.

Special circumstance Check the box that appropriately reflects your circumstance	Definition Reason for submission	Required Documentation
<input type="checkbox"/> Involuntary 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"> • Documentation of loss of employment or other income • Unemployment benefit statement/history • 2023 & 2024 signed Tax Return Form 1040 (and 1040X if amended) with all applicable schedules • 2023 & 2024 W-2 Forms and 1099 Forms • Last pay stub showing year-to-date earnings and withholdings
<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"> • 2023 & 2024 signed Tax Return Form 1040 (and 1040X if amended) with all applicable schedules • 2023 & 2024 W-2 Forms and 1099 Forms • Documentation of one-time payment • Letter explaining what the funds were used for and the remaining balance of the payment
<input type="checkbox"/> Separation or divorce	FAFSA information does not reflect your current marital status or income. <i>Note: Recent non-legal separations are subject to a six-month waiting period.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divorce/separation agreement or attorney letter • Documentation of separate residences • 2023 & 2024 signed Tax Return Form 1040 (and 1040X if amended) with all applicable schedules • 2023 & 2024 W-2 Forms and 1099 Forms • Household Member Form for dependent students
<input type="checkbox"/> Death of a spouse	Spouse passed away after the 2025-2026 FAFSA was filed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death certificate • Amount of any death benefits to be received • 2023 & 2024 signed Tax Return Form 1040 (and 1040X if amended) with all applicable schedules • 2023 & 2024 W-2 Forms and 1099 Forms
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical/dental expenses	Expenses paid out-of-pocket that exceed 11% of 2023 total income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 & 2024 signed Tax Return Form 1040 (and 1040X if amended) with all applicable schedules • 2023 & 2024 W-2 Forms and 1099 Forms • Copies of all out-of-pocket paid expenses (not bills) for 2023
<input type="checkbox"/> Other extenuating circumstance	Extenuating circumstance not listed above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit individual documentation to validate your circumstance