

Student Name: _____ HCCID: _____
Phone (Home): _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

I give permission to correspond all matters of my special circumstance appeal with the following person:
Name: _____ Relationship to the student: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Prior to applying for a Special Circumstance, your completed 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be received by Holy Cross College.

To qualify for a Special Circumstance Review, you must:

- Provide a written explanation of your circumstances, either on this form or in a separate document.
- Provide requested documentation.

Do NOT submit this appeal if:

- You have not filed the 2025-2026 FAFSA.
- Your Student Aid Index for the 2025-2026 FAFSA is -1500

Check the Special Circumstance(s) pertaining to you:



Loss of income from work

Your parent who earned money in 2023 has his/her job and has been unemployed for at least 9 weeks in 2024 or 2025 or has experienced a loss of income due to a disability. (This situation includes a loss of employment where the individual is able to secure employment but at a significantly lower pay.)

Documentation Requested:

- Letter from employer verifying loss of employment and last date of employment, or
- Last pay stub with year-to-date earnings. If re-employed, last pay stub from new employment, or
- Current statement of unemployment benefits and documentation of length of eligibility, or
- 2024 tax transcripts and completed projected earnings chart (below), or
- Documentation of Workers' Comp and/or insurance payments due to disability and time period of benefit eligibility.

2025 Projected Earnings

	Earnings	Other Income*	Total
Student			
Parent(s)			
Grand Total			

*Other income may include child support received, gifts from friends or family, inheritance, insurance, etc.



Loss of child support

Your parent who received child support in 2023 and has or will experience a loss of child support.

Monthly Amount received _____ Date support stopped or will stop _____

Documentation Requested:

- Verification of court-ordered cessation of child support and the date the support will cease (copy of divorce decree or actual court-order).



Extraordinary medical and dental expenses* not reimbursed by insurance

Your family had considerable medical and/or dental expenses not reimbursed by insurance.

Documentation Requested:

- Copies of applicable medical/dental bills.
- Explanation of benefits from the insurance company.

*Payments FOR insurance premiums are not allowed for appeal.



Separation or divorce

Your parents have become separated or divorced.

Documentation Requested:

- Legal separation papers, verification letter from attorney or copy of divorce decree
- W-2 of custodial parent.
- Documentation of court-ordered child support.



Death of wage earner

Your parent(s) has passed away.

Documentation Requested:

- Death certificate.
- W-2 of surviving parent.
- Verification of benefits to be received as a result of the death.



Tuition expense at private elementary/secondary school

Younger siblings that will be attending private schools in the next academic calendar.

Documentation Requested:

- A statement of accounts of the institution they are attending to report the total cost of tuition billed to the families per student.



A lump sum payout/income that caused an increase in 2023 income that will not be a reoccurring event.

Documentation Requested:

- Documentation verifying the amount and the cause of the income increase.



Other circumstance not described above. Please provide a letter of explanation and submit appropriate documentation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please use the space below to explain any information on this form or expand upon your family's circumstances. Attach a separate document if more space is required.

Additional financial assistance is determined on a case-by-case basis and may be in the form of a loan, employment, or scholarship. Submission of this form does not guarantee an adjustment or increase to your financial assistance.

STUDENT AND PARENT CERTIFICATION

I/We certify that the information provided on this form is accurate and complete as of this date. I/We understand that the request of a financial aid reevaluation is not guaranteed to result in a change to my financial aid eligibility and does not release me from payment of any balance due on my student account. I/We also understand that any revision based on this appeal information does not guarantee the same adjustments will be made in future semesters and/or academic years. Electronic signatures are not acceptable.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Spouse: _____ Date: _____

Scan and submit this form and supporting documentation to: financialaid@hcc-nd.edu

Each person signing this form certifies that all the information reported on it is complete and correct. Falsely reporting or offering misleading information is considered fraud and will be reported to the Office of the Inspector General and may be punishable by fines, prison time or both.