

2021-2022 Ability to Benefit from a Family Contribution Appeal:

I have filed my FAFSA and received an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of Zero (\$0)	➔	You are already receiving the maximum amount of Federal Pell Grant. No additional funding can be offered from this appeal.
I have filed my FAFSA and received an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) significantly higher than 10000 or more. We have experienced a slight change in income.	➔	To be eligible for a federal Pell Grant, your EFC must be 5801 or less. Impact depends on the severity of the loss of income.
I have experienced a significant change of circumstances affecting the majority of my family's income, such as unemployment, and our EFC is greater than 5801.	➔	This may only result in the student receiving a federal Pell Grant, which carries a maximum award of \$6,495 and/or a subsidized loan.
I have experienced a significant change of circumstances affecting the majority of my family's income, and our EFC is less than 5801.	➔	This may only result in the student receiving an increase of the federal Pell grant, which carries a maximum award of \$6,495.
I anticipate a significant change in business income for the current year.	➔	Unfortunately, fluctuations in business income or other types of self-employment income are not reviewed for appeals, as they are considered a part of the business cycle. If they have been caused by an extreme event outside of your control (such as medical illness, injury, or property damage), please contact our office.
I have excessive out-of-pocket medical expenses.	➔	We can only consider paid expenses that are not itemized on your 2019 taxes.

Additional Information:

- In addition to the appeal documentation, students and parents may need to provide 2018, 2019, and/or 2020 tax return transcripts and W2s. The transcript can be ordered from the IRS by calling 1-800-908-9946 or going to www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript and following the instructions to obtain the transcript via mail or online delivery.
- Appeals are not reviewed until all documentation has been submitted and uploaded. The student must click 'submit' to put the appeal forward for review.
- Students have 30 days to submit documentation after requesting an appeal, 14 days to submit any requested documentation, and 30 days to submit verification documentation.
- Submitting an appeal is not a guarantee that it will be approved.