

Professional Judgement Request

Academic Year 2026-2027

Student Name: _____

Bronc ID: _____

You must file a 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and receive a College Financing Plan before submitting this form. All documentation, including this application, should be submitted via the One Stop Documents Upload, located on the Student Finances tile in myRider. If you have any questions while completing this, please contact the One Stop Help Desk.

One Stop Help Desk Contact Information

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Office: Bart Luedeke Center, 1st floor

Please select an applicable circumstance from the following. A judgement cannot be made without supporting documentation.

Circumstance	Supporting Documentation as Applicable
Loss or reduction of income (job or disability benefit loss)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 2025 federal tax returns, all pages and schedules2. Statement on company letterhead from employer stating termination date3. Last pay stub, including vacation and severance pay4. Most recent pay stub from current employment5. Documentation of unemployment benefits with amount and/or denial/termination6. Disability benefits received in 2025
Divorce or separation	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Copy of legal separation document or divorce decree2. Proof of different legal residence for the party who left the household (e.g., driver's license, lease, utility bill)3. Documentation of spousal or child support
Rollover of IRA or pension funds	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. IRS Form 1099-R2. 2024 IRS Form 1040
Custody	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Relevant court documents that demonstrate custody
Death of parent or spouse	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Death certificate
Homelessness	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Letter from homeless shelter2. Signed statements from two third parties familiar with the situation (e.g., teachers, guidance counselors, clergy members) on letterhead that include the third parties' relationships to the student and a summary of the circumstances

Abusive or unsafe family or living environment; documented abandonment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relevant court documents 2. Signed statements from two third parties familiar with the situation (e.g., teachers, guidance counselors, clergy members) on letterhead that include the third parties' relationships to the student and a summary of the circumstances
Out-of-pocket medical expenses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Schedule A from 2024 IRS Form 1040 2. Credit card statements, receipts marked paid, or statement from medical providing listing all payments
Incarceration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relevant court documents that show incarceration

If you are a **returning student** for 2026-2027 and none of these circumstances apply to you and you would like to appeal your financial aid offer, please provide any relevant information below. Incomplete responses will not be accepted.

If you are a **new student** for 2026-2027 and none of these circumstances apply to you and you would like to appeal your financial aid offer, please complete the appeal form on the [Be-A-Bronc dashboard](#).
