



2026-2027 Independent Special Circumstances Form

Your eligibility for need-based financial aid is determined using the results from the filing of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This Special Circumstances Form may be used if you have circumstances that are not addressed through the data provided in the FAFSA or if your circumstances have changed since filing the FAFSA.

This form is for **students who are currently enrolled or readmitted students at Southwestern**. Prospective first-year or transfer students should contact the SU Financial Aid Office for information regarding the consideration of special circumstances.

Submission of this form will allow the SU Financial Aid Office to consider your circumstances, but does not guarantee an increase in your financial aid.

Student Name: _____ SU ID# _____
Last First

Spouse Name (if applicable): _____
Last First

1) Have you previously submitted a Special Circumstances Form for the 2026-27 academic year?

Are you unsure of how to answer this question? Contact the SU Financial Aid Office for assistance.

____ Yes, I have previously submitted a Special Circumstances Form for the 2026-27 academic year and am submitting new or updated information for consideration.

____ No, this is the first time I have submitted a Special Circumstances Form for the 2026-27 academic year.

2) Attach a written statement that describes the special circumstances that you would like us to consider.

Some examples of special circumstances include (but are not limited to): a loss of income from work, death of a spouse, unusual medical expenses not covered by insurance, loss of untaxed income or benefit, legal divorce or separation, elementary or private school tuition expenses for your dependent child, dependent or elder care expenses, support to extended family, or any other unusual circumstance.

3) Attach documents that support/reflect the special circumstances you indicate in your written statement.

Some examples of documents would include (but are not limited to): termination notice, last paycheck stub, a letter from a state agency providing unemployment benefit information, physician's letter, death certificate, medical expense receipts and insurance explanation of benefits statements, official termination of benefits documents, divorce decree or legal separation paperwork, private school expense documents (do not include amounts paid for the student indicated above), statements of dependent/elder care/extended family expense amounts, or any other relevant documentation in support of your statement.

4) In what year did the special circumstances impact your family's financial situation?

_____2024 _____2025 _____2026

