



Rhodes College

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Special Financial Circumstances Information

2008-2009 Academic Year

NOTE: All students requesting review of current financial aid status based on special financial circumstances MUST complete the 2008-09 CSS Profile. This form is completed online at <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com>.

Because certain situations and events can affect a family's ability to pay for college, it is important that you make us aware of unusual financial circumstances that you believe are not reflected accurately on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CSS Profile. Please understand that we have limits on what we can do, but we will look at your individual situation carefully.

The following are NOT considered *special financial circumstances*:

- private elementary or secondary school tuition (unless required by learning disabilities and the like),
- pending reduction in income due to fluctuating commissions, consumer debt (unless necessitated by economic hardship),
- refusal of a parent to provide financial support to the applicant/student,
- anything that "might happen" in the future.

Following this cover letter is our "Special Financial Circumstances Form" that will assist you in explaining your situation. We may ask for additional information other than what follows, but we will let you know if this will be necessary.

The results of this request for special financial circumstances consideration will be based on the individual circumstances outlined in the completion of this form. Students and/or parents will be notified **via email** of the appeal decision. Please remember that submission of this form does not guarantee an adjustment to the student's award.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email our office at finaid@rhodes.edu. You may fax this completed form and supporting documents to (901) 843-3435.

Financial Aid Office Use Only:

ROAUSDF Initials: _____

Verification requirement established Initials: _____

2008-2009 Special Financial Circumstances Form

Please PRINT clearly

Student's Full Name _____ Student ID No. _____

Student E-mail Address _____ Student Campus Box _____

Student Cell Phone Number: _____

Permanent Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone (____) _____

Parent Name _____ Parent Day Phone Number (____) _____

Parent Email Address _____

Parent Name _____ Parent Day Phone Number (____) _____

Parent Email Address _____

Parent Cell Phone Number (Father/Stepfather): (____) _____

Parent Cell Phone Number (Mother/Stepmother): (____) _____

Which financial aid form(s) have you completed for 2008-2009?

____ 2008-2009 FAFSA ____ 2008-2009 CSS Profile (required of **all** students completing this form)

Reason for Special Financial Circumstances Review

Following are questions that will help us understand why your household is experiencing a change in financial resources. Please complete all sections that apply to your situation.

1. Loss/change of job/ reduction of income:

Which person experienced a loss of, or changes in, income? ___ Father/Step ___ Mother/Step ___ Student

Effective date: _____

Reason for reduction/loss: Job change Reduced Overtime Retirement Termination by Employer
 Other (please specify) _____

2. Loss of untaxed income/benefits (i.e. child support, unemployment, AFDC, housing allowance, etc.):

Person receiving the benefit: ___ Parent(s) ___ Student

Name of benefit(s) that were affected: _____ Date of change: _____

Amount received from January 1, 2008 to present: \$ _____

Amount to be received from present to December 31, 2008: \$ _____

Please attach documentation of change/loss in untaxed income.

3. Parents' Separation/Divorce or Death of a Parent:

Complete this section only if your parents separated or divorced *after* the 2008-2009 FAFSA was completed OR a parent died *after* the 2008-2009 FAFSA was completed.

For parents' separation/divorce:

For death of a parent:

Which parent do you live with? Father Mother

Date of death: _____ (month/year)

Date of separation/divorce: _____ (month/year)

Surviving parent: Father Mother

For divorce, attach a copy of the divorce decree or evidence of filed divorce proceedings per attorney or court.

For death of a parent, attach a copy of the death certificate.

4. Unusually High Medical/Dental Expenses

Write in the amount **paid out-of-pocket in 2007** and expected to be paid in 2008 for medical and dental expenses. **Do not include amounts reimbursed by insurance.**

Total Paid out of pocket in 2007 \$ _____ Total Estimated to be Paid out of pocket in 2008 \$ _____

Attach a detailed explanation of the reported expenses and attach proof of unreimbursed expenses (insurance records, your doctor's records or estimates are acceptable).

2008 Estimated Household Income/Expenses

Attach most recent pay stub showing new/changed salary, if applicable. Include last pay stub from any position terminated in 2008. Also, include documentation of unemployment benefits, retirement income, severance pay, etc.

ESTIMATED 2008 gross income from ALL sources for Father/Step-Father: _____

ESTIMATED 2008 gross income from ALL sources for Mother/Step-Mother: _____

ESTIMATED 2008 gross income from ALL sources for Student and Spouse (if appropriate): _____

TOTAL ESTIMATED 2008 GROSS INCOME FROM ABOVE: _____

Estimated MONTHLY 2008 expenses for family:

- Mortgage Payment or Rent: _____
- Utilities (power, water, gas): _____
- Cable/Satellite TV: _____
- Home Phone, including long distance: _____
- Cell Phone: _____
- Auto Loan Payments: _____
- Food: _____
- Clothing: _____
- Other (please specify): _____
- Other (please specify): _____
- Other (please specify): _____

TOTAL ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES FROM ABOVE: _____

YOUR REQUEST:

Answering these questions will be most helpful in determining if and how we may assist. Thank you for your cooperation.

- What dollar amount of additional financial assistance are you and your family requesting, and how did you derive that figure?

- Are you willing to borrow a portion of your requested amount? _____. If not, please explain your hesitancy to do so:

