

2020-2021 Financial Aid Appeal



Student's Name _____ JCU ID _____

At John Carroll University, we recognize the substantial investment families make when a student enrolls. Our hope is that every student finds John Carroll affordable. Eligibility for financial aid is based on the 2018 tax year which may not reflect the family's current financial situation. To that end, the Appeals Committee exists to consider formal requests for additional aid after an initial award is issued. John Carroll takes a holistic review of family's total financial circumstances through this process to determine if additional assistance is possible.

We ask that you complete this form, attach appropriate documentation and provide a statement detailing the nature of your situation so the Appeal Committee may best understand and act upon your request. The Committee will consider, subject to your special circumstances and our budget availability, whether additional aid may be awarded.

Please keep in mind:

- The student must complete the FAFSA before consideration for this process.
- Filing this form does not guarantee an increase in your financial aid package.
- In most cases, if your FAFSA was selected for verification, you must complete that process **before** your appeal can be reviewed.
- In situations of drastic income changes, 2018 & 2019 federal tax returns must be submitted.
- The committee cannot respond to anticipated changes or unpaid expenses.
- Decisions of the Appeals Committee are final. Further appeals will not be honored unless new information or circumstances arise.

Check all that apply and provide as much supplemental material as possible.

Substantial change in the family financial situation. Submit a letter specifying the special circumstance. This letter should be detailed, include specific dates and include third party documentation. Verify all revenue received since the event. If a comprehensive review is warranted, you will be requested to provide supporting documentation.

*A wage earner became separated **from a job or retired for at least 10 weeks in 2019 or 2020.** Provide last pay stubs for both wage earners, including the parent still employed.*

Currently receiving unemployment benefits and not returning to work. Submit unemployment paperwork.

Drastic loss of child support or alimony in 2020 or 2019. Submit current and previous court order.

Receipt of one time income received in 2018 and not realized in previous or subsequent years. Please identify the source and purpose of the income.

*Recent death of parent **whose income was reported on the FAFSA.** Submit death certificate and 2018 Federal taxes.*

*Separation/Divorce of parents **after the FAFSA was filed.** Submit court documents, 2018 Federal taxes and proof of parents' separate residence*

Extraordinary Parochial/Private School Tuition payments for siblings of the student who will not be enrolled in college.

Submit documentation of tuition PAID. The total must be excessive in relation to the family's income and the student must demonstrate substantial unmet need as determined by the FAFSA.

Excessive Medical or Dental Payments in 2018 not covered by insurance that have been paid by the family. Submit proof of payment for out of pocket expenses or a copy of Schedule A of 1040. Do not submit bills or the amount paid by insurance.

Other. On a separate page, please detail other special circumstances that have not been defined on this sheet.

Requests for additional documentation may follow. The process will be delayed and/or cancelled if all documents are not received.

Student Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

(Required for dependent students)

Parent Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Preferred Phone Number _____ Preferred Email _____

Parent Name _____

Please return the sheet with supplemental documents to:

John Carroll University, Student Enrollment and Financial Services

1 John Carroll Boulevard

University Heights, Ohio 44118

Phone 1-888-335-6800 Fax 1-216-397-3098

When a decision has been made or additional information is needed we will contact you by email or phone.