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NHSC Special Circumstance - Cost of Attendance Appeal

Who should file an appeal?

Any student or family whose financial situation has additional allowable costs during the academic year (August -May) and will increase the overall Cost of Attendance (COA) for the student.

Cost of Attendance (COA) Change

If you are attempting to increase the overall COA, the following items are taken into consideration.

- Vehicle repair/mileage expenses
- Computer purchase
- Dependent care allowance
- Other reasonable education-related expenses.

Note: An increase in your COA may not allow for an increase in any financial aid award if you have already been awarded the maximum annual Direct Loan amount. However, students may pursue private, Parent PLUS or Graduate PLUS loan options up to the new COA.

How to file an appeal?

Please submit your application; typed narrative explaining the situation; and supporting documentation to the Office of Student Financial Services to determine if you are eligible for a special circumstance adjustment.

When will I know the outcome?

Please continue to monitor your IU email, requests for additional documentation or appeal decisions will be communicated by email.

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

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I am attempting to increase my COST OF ATTENDANCE due to...

	<u>Required Documentation</u>	Amount
Vehicle Repair:	Dated and itemized bill/receipt showing the expense paid. (Expense must have occurred within academic year.)	\$
Car Mileage:	None. We calculate mileage based on address listed for the Student Center.	\$
Dependent/ Child Care:	Dated receipt from provider showing payment. Dependent Information: Name: _____ Age: ____ Relationship: _____ Name: _____ Age: ____ Relationship: _____ Name: _____ Age: ____ Relationship: _____	\$
Personal Computer Purchase:	Dated receipt showing purchase.	\$
Unusually High Off-Campus Housing Costs:	Copy of lease, student must be listed on lease.	\$
Other Education-Related Costs	Proof of paid costs and letter of explanation.	\$

Affirmation statement (Sign and Date): My signature indicates that information submitted is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Financial Aid Office to verify this information. I understand that providing false information can result in the cancellation or repayment of financial aid. All steps taken above are dependent upon my submission of appropriate and complete documentation necessary or review of this special circumstance appeal.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____