



LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Financial Aid
Professional Judgment Appeal 2023-2024
Independent Student

Student Name _____

Student ID _____

Student DOB _____

Student Phone # _____

Spouse Name _____

Student Email _____

Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College recognizes that standard financial aid forms do not always capture the full financial profile of our students and their families. Through the use of Professional Judgment, the Financial Aid Office **may** be able to make adjustments to your FAFSA® which **could** result in a recalculation of aid eligibility at Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College. All Professional Judgment cases are subject to a review and are not guaranteed to result in any additional financial aid. Please note that Professional Judgment requests will be processed with the understanding that it is the responsibility of the student to utilize all federal financial aid sources made available to them.

Please review the options below and check all circumstances that apply. Please review the details of each circumstance to see if further action is required. If you have questions do not hesitate to contact your campus Financial Aid Office

- Major medical expenses that were not covered by insurance and were paid for out of pocket. DO NOT include payments for health insurance premiums. Expenses must be above 11% of AGI. Please provide your signed 2021 IRS Tax Transcript or 2021 signed Tax Return and Schedule A and proof of payment.**
 - Please indicate amount here \$ _____

- Tuition payments made for elementary/secondary costs for dependent children attending private school. Please provide proof of payment.**
 - Please indicate total amount here \$ _____
 - Please indicate names and ages of students for whom this tuition was paid.
Student name _____ Age _____
Student name _____ Age _____

- Child Support received ended.**
 - If you indicated an amount of child support received in 2021 on the FAFSA®, and this support ended after 2021, please indicate the date this occurred: _____ and provide an explanation why this happened on a separate piece of paper.

- Lump sum distribution or non-recurring income in 2021 has inflated your Adjusted Gross Income.**
 - Please indicate amount here \$ _____
 - Along with this form, please also submit copies of your signed 2021 and 2022 IRS Tax Return Transcript or signed 2021 and 2022 tax return, an itemized statement detailing how this additional income was spent, and a 1099-R if applicable.
 - Please note that in some cases, not all distributions or non-recurring income are able to be removed under Professional Judgment. Your counselor will evaluate your request to determine if Professional Judgment is able to be exercised. Please also note that in most cases, students are only able to apply for this option once during the student's tenure at Northwest LTC.

- Divorce or Separation.**
 - Copy of separation, divorce decree or copy of mortgage/lease proving separate residences

- Copy of 2021 W2(s) and signed 2021 IRS Tax Transcript or signed 2021 tax return, if taxes were filed jointly.

The student's income and/or the spouse's income will be less in 2023 or 2022 than in 2021 for any of the following reasons: (please check the appropriate reason.)

- Unemployment or change in employment
- Divorce/Separation
- Death of spouse
- Disability of student or spouse
- One-time income (example: inheritance, moving expense allowance, back-year Social Security payments, or IRA or pension distribution.) Source _____ \$ _____
Date Received _____ How funds were spent/invested _____

Please provide a copy of your signed 2021 and 2022 tax return transcripts or signed 2021 and 2022 tax returns.

Also, complete the following income information if your income for 2023 is less than 2021/2022. If you are divorced or separated, give only your information. If the loss of income was due to the death of your spouse, give only your information. Attach pay stubs (at least 5) and/or other documentation that includes any monies received from 1/23-12/23. Estimate future income from date of submission of Income Reduction form to end of year.

Anticipated income for the period January-December 2023	Spouse	Student
Wages, salaries, tips (including severance pay, disability payments and any income from work)		
Other taxable income:		
Unemployment		
Pensions/Retirement Income		
Untaxed Income:		
Tax Deferred Pensions/Retirement Savings Plans		
Aid to families with dependent children (AFDC)		
TANF		
SNAP		
HUD		
Child support received		
Non-education Veteran's Benefits		
Social Security		
Total anticipated income		

Other special or unusual circumstance(s).

- If your concern is not covered in any of the above options, please give us a brief summary below of your concern. Your counselor will evaluate the request to determine if further action is possible. Attach a separate page if more space is needed.

Certification Statement: I certify that the information provided on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to submit additional proof or documentation of the information listed above.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Spouse Signature _____ Date _____