

2017-2018 Professional Judgment Appeal Form

The federal formula that determines a student's financial aid eligibility is based on tax information from two-years prior. This is known in financial aid as the Base Year. For the 2017-2018 academic year, the base year is 2015. However, there are occasions when a family's financial situation changes during the school year from what it was during the Base Year. If changes have caused an unexpected or unplanned reduction in the family's finances, or are the result of circumstances beyond the family's control, the Financial Aid Office can, upon request, review documentation to determine if the Base Year is still an accurate reflection of the family's financial situation. Examples of changes that may warrant a professional judgement appeal include unemployment, loss of income, a change in marital status, or the death of a wage earner. Please attach any supporting documentation that may aid the Financial Aid Office in making a decision. The student's name and student ID# should be included on all documents submitted to insure proper identification. If you need assistance in completing this form, please contact us.

Student's name _____
(Please Print) Last First Middle

Student ID # _____ **LMU Box #** _____ **Campus Phone #** _____

Permanent Address _____
Street Address City/State/ Zip

Day time phone numbers Home: _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Sections I, II, III, and IV must be completed. Enter NA if not applicable but do not leave any blanks.

Section I: HOUSEHOLD CERTIFICATION

Dependent Students: List the people that your parent(s) will support between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. (Support includes money, gifts, loans, housing, food, clothes, car, medical and dental care, payment of college costs, etc.) Include the following:

- Yourself and your parent(s), even if you do not live with your parents,
- Your parent(s) other children if (a) your parent(s) will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, or (b) the children would be required to give parental information when applying for federal student aid in 2017-2018.
- Other people if they now live with your parent(s), and your parent(s) have provided more than half of their support, and will continue to provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Independent Students: List people that you (and your spouse) will support between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. (Support includes money, gifts, loans, housing, food, clothes, car, medical and dental care, payment of college costs etc.) Include the following:

- Yourself (and your spouse, if you have one),
- Your children, if you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
- Other people if they now live with you, you have provided more than half of their support, and will continue to provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Student's Name	Age	Relationship to Student	College and Grade Level for 2017-2018
		Self	Lincoln Memorial University
Family Members	Age	Relationship to Student	College and Grade Level for 2017-2018

Section II:

REASONS FOR THE APPEAL

Please complete all areas that apply, explain your situation in detail, and attach supporting documentation.

_____ **Unemployment or Loss of Income** (Provide letter from employer, an accounting of unemployment benefits, copy of last check stub, and/or statement from appropriate agency.)
Effective date: _____ Voluntary Involuntary

_____ **Unusual medical or dental expenses not covered by insurance** (Provide receipts of medical and dental payments.)
Amount paid in 2016: _____ Amount paid 2017: _____
Will you itemize these expenses on your federal tax return? _____ YES _____ NO
If yes, how much and for which tax year (2016-2017)? _____

_____ **Changes in family assets:** Source of loss _____
(i.e. Provide accountant or investment brokers statements confirming asset liquidation.)
Effective Date: _____ Voluntary Involuntary

_____ **Divorce/Separation of a parent or from a spouse in 2017.** Effective Date of separation/divorce: _____
(Provide copies of legal documents for separation or divorce.)
Name of custodial parent (dependent students): _____

_____ **Death of parent or spouse in 2017:** Date of death: _____
Which Parent: (circle one) Father Mother

_____ **Other unusual expenses** (Contributions to unemployed adult children, elder care, legal fees, funeral expenses, involuntary and temporary maintenance of two households, child care, educational expenses of parents who are enrolled in college, etc. Please provide documentation of these expenses.)

Please list an explanation for any of the above appeals. Also list the student’s relationship to the affected family member in all instances. Please use page 4 if additional space is needed.

Section III: FAMILY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- Must be completed by all applicants -

Estimated 2017 Income

Provide your best estimate of the amounts you will receive from all sources of income (include taxable and non-taxable income) from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 and attach supporting documentation [examples are: current paystubs, unemployment benefit statement, social security benefit statement or pay documentation, etc]

Student/Spouse Information

Parent(s) Information (Dependent students only)

Student's anticipated earned income	\$ _____	Father's anticipated earned income	\$ _____
Spouse's anticipated earned income	\$ _____	Mother's anticipated earned income	\$ _____
Student/Spouse anticipated other taxable income	\$ _____	Family's anticipated other taxable income	\$ _____
Total taxable income	\$ _____	Total taxable income	\$ _____
Student/Spouse non-taxable income*	\$ _____	Family's non-taxable income*	\$ _____

*Non-taxable income includes:

Payments to tax-deferred pensions and savings plans, deductible IRA and/or Keogh payments, child support received, tax exempt interest income, untaxed portions of pensions, living allowances for military and/or clergy, workers compensation, and disability benefits.

Current Asset Information

Student/Spouse Assets (all students)

Parent(s) Assets (dependent students only)

		Age of older parent.....	_____
Total current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts	\$ _____	Total current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts	\$ _____
Current net worth of investments	\$ _____	Current net worth of investments	\$ _____
(Investment value minus investment debt)		(Investment value minus investment debt)	
Current net worth of business	\$ _____	Current net worth of business.....	\$ _____
(Business value minus business debt)		(Business value minus business debt)	
Do not include if employees less than 100 people		Do not include if employee less than 100 people	
Current net worth of investment farm	\$ _____	Current net worth of investment farm	\$ _____
(Investment farm value minus investment farm debt)		(Investment farm value minus investment farm debt)	
Do not include a farm that you live on and operate.		Do not include a farm that you live on and operate.	

Section IV:

SIGNATURE(S)

- Required -

I hereby affirm that all information reported on this form and any attachments hereto is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my (our) knowledge. I understand that if I (we) receive federal student aid based on incorrect information, I (we) will have to pay it back; I (we) may also have to pay fines and fees.

Student _____ Date _____

Parent _____ Date _____
Dependent Students only

Spouse _____ Date _____

Parent _____ Date _____
Dependent Students only

Explanation/Additional Comments

- Please be sure all selections are completed and provide signatures before submitting. -

Tips on checking or completion: put a check beside each that apply to you and make sure that documents are enclosed with form.

- Student signed
- Parent or spouse signed
- Current or final student pay stub (required if worked)
- Current or final pay stub of mother and father / or spouse if married student (for each who works or worked in 2017)
- Unemployment benefits (if a member of household receives or received in 2017)
- One time income received in 2017 but will never receive again (provide source and document amount)
- Receipts of medical bills paid by family not reimbursed by insurance
- An appeal letter. This letter must include your estimate of 2017 income and provide an explanation how your estimate was derived. (page four is available space for the letter)
- Documentation authenticating the special circumstance (e.g. letter of job termination, death certificate)