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Financial Aid *and* Scholarships

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2025-2026 INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT APPLICATION

Student Name _____ Student ID _____
Last First MI

This application is a request for a review of special circumstances that you believe may change your financial aid eligibility.

Professional Judgment refers to the school's authority to make adjustments to the data elements reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) so that the Department of Education can recalculate the Student Aid Index (SAI). The SAI is the FAFSA-generated number that the school uses to determine a student's eligibility for need based financial aid. The school does not have the authority to make direct adjustments to the SAI and can only change data elements that may change the SAI.

The Professional Judgment process usually takes around 2 weeks once all needed documentation is submitted. If the committee reviewing your application requires further information, the student's financial aid requirements will be updated in their UNCGenie account and an email will be sent to the student's UNCG email address.

Please Note:
Even if the Professional Judgment Process results in a lower SAI, the changes may not be enough to generate eligibility for need-based financial aid or an increase in the financial aid award.

Submitting a Professional Judgment application does **NOT** extend payment deadlines. You must pay your semester bill on time to ensure that your registration is not canceled. Professional Judgments submitted prior to the start of the academic year take around 8 weeks to process due to increased workload and responsibilities at the start of the year.

A denial does not mean that the UNCG Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships disbelieves a situation, only that no helpful change could be made using the information provided OR that the information could not replace any of the answers on the FAFSA.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

ALL Professional Judgment Applications need:

- ☐ Detailed letter of explanation regarding your current situation with handwritten signature: may use 2nd page of this form
- ☐ Professional Judgment Application Form with handwritten signatures: 1st page of this form
- ☐ Copy of most recent (2024 or 2025) IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) (https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript)
- ☐ Copies of most recent 2025 paystub(s) for ALL jobs worked that year

Please also include the following information/documents **IF any of these situations apply:**

☐You and/or your spouse had a total loss of employment →	Name of Person Unemployed: _____ Relation to Student: _____ Date Unemployment Began: _____ ☐ Loss of Employment Letter
☐Since filing the FAFSA you and your spouse separated/divorced →	Date of Separation/Divorce: _____ ☐Copy of Court Documented Separation/Divorce Decree
☐Since filing the FAFSA your spouse has passed away →	☐Copy of Spouse's Death Certificate or Obituary

Additional documentation may be requested from you beyond the materials listed here.

ESTIMATED EXPECTED 2025 INCOME

Complete this section to the best of your ability to predict your income in 2025.	
Student - Estimated 2025 Income	Spouse (if applicable) - Estimated 2025 Income
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SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

By signing this form, I certify under penalty of perjury that the information I have reported to qualify for federal student aid is complete and accurate. I understand that purposely giving false or misleading information is a federal offense that can result in fines and/or incarceration.

1. **Additional information may be required** if this form is incomplete; if documentation is missing, unclear, or insufficient; or if additional questions arise based on the information provided.
2. **It may take two weeks or longer** for information to be processed, and for UNCGenie to reflect changes in student's requirements status.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____
*Sign in Ink or with a Stylus

Spouse's Signature: _____ Date: _____
IF APPLICABLE *Sign in Ink or with a Stylus

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In as much detail as possible, please explain why you are requesting a Professional Judgement for the 2025-2026 academic year. Please attach all supporting documentation or submit separately via UNCGenie.

PLEASE NOTE: We can only adjust information reported on the current/upcoming FAFSA.

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Printed Name: _____