

RECONSIDERATION OF INCOME APPEALS

The CU Anschutz Financial Aid & Scholarships Office recognizes your family's financial circumstances may change and affect your ability to contribute to your education. The family for independent students includes you and your spouse, if married. The family for dependent students includes you and your parents. Our office can help address this issue and assist families who have experienced a significant change in income and/or resources.

Your financial aid offer is based on the income and asset information you provided on the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA). If your family's income is substantially less than what you reported on the FAFSA, or the income is substantially reduced by expenses due to certain extenuating circumstances, you may consider requesting a Reconsideration of Income Appeal. We will review your appeal and adjust your FAFSA, as appropriate, based on the family's current financial situation.

Special Circumstances Considered

Special Circumstance	Description	Types of Required Documentation
Loss or Reduction of Employment Income	Student and/or spouse (or parent(s) of dependent students) income earned in 2026 will be less than that earned in 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Termination notice or Letter of Resignation Unemployment benefit notice Last two pay stubs from all 2026 employers showing year-to-date earnings, or alternate documentation of earnings if self-employed*
Other Loss of Income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alimony Child Support Retirement/Pension Social Security Worker's Compensation 	Student and/or spouse (or parent(s) of dependent students) received benefits in 2024 which have ceased or been reduced in 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original 2024 benefit statement showing total amount received Revised benefit/ support statement showing updated amounts and effective date
Separation or Divorce (independent students only)	Student and/or spouse were separated or divorced after filing the FAFSA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divorce decree or separation agreement or proof of separate residences Student's 2026 W-2 form(s) Student's 2026 tax return
Separation or Divorce (dependent students only)	Your parent(s) were separated or divorced after filing the FAFSA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divorce decree or separation agreement or proof of separate residences 2026 W-2 forms of the custodial parent 2026 tax return of the custodial parent
Death of Spouse (independent students only)	The spouse of an independent student has died	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Death Certificate Student's 2024 W-2 forms Student's 2024 tax return
Death of Parent (dependent students only)	The parent of a dependent student has died	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Death Certificate 2026 W-2 form(s) of the custodial parent 2026 tax return of the custodial parent

Requesting a Review of Your Circumstance

Please [contact the CU Anschutz Financial Aid & Scholarships Office](#) to discuss your situation with an advisor to determine if submitting an appeal may be beneficial for you. Students in the Doctor of Medicine program please contact [Med Financial Aid Team](#) or [Schedule an appointment](#).

We will generally use the [period of January to December 2026](#) to estimate income for the

2026-2027. When you contact us:

- Gross amount of income (and source) received from 1/1/2026 to today
- Estimated amount of income you expect to receive (and source) from today to 12/31/2026

If it is determined that you should submit an appeal, you will be informed of any additional documentation you will need to submit. Please note that submission of an appeal does not guarantee approval, and to be safe, families should make alternative payment arrangements while waiting for the outcome of an appeal.

If you have questions about this process, please contact us at 303-724-8039 or Fin.Aid@cuanschutz.edu.

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