



Shimer
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College of Chicago

If your family's financial situation has changed since filing the 2008-09 FAFSA you may qualify to have your financial aid eligibility reevaluated. Review each item carefully to determine which special financial circumstances you have experienced. Please provide complete documentation in reference to your situation. Upon receiving your information, your case will be reviewed, and you will be notified as to the outcome of your appeal.

Make sure to:

- 1) We must have your 2008-2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file before an appeal is considered.
- 2) Please provide a letter detailing your circumstances.
- 3) Please complete and provide the information/documents requested for the items checked.
- 4) Return all documents attached to the completed *Request for Consideration of Special Circumstances Appeal* form to the Office of Student Financial Planning as soon as possible. Include a signed copy of your (and your parent's) 2007 federal tax return (unless you have already done so). To ensure maximum consideration for aid this form should be returned within two weeks.
- 5) Please address your documentation to:

Shimer College
Financial Aid Office
Attn: Special Circumstances
3424 S. State St.
Chicago, IL 60616-3893

It is important to note that documentation submitted for expenses must show that this expense has already been paid. Some examples are copies of written checks, bank account statements, year-end summaries, or billing statements specifically indicating, "amount paid." Writing "paid" and the check number on the copy of your billing statement is not sufficient proof of payment. We require legitimate proof of payment. Clearly identifying and documenting your special circumstance will greatly assist us in accurately reviewing your circumstances in a timely manner.

If you have questions or would like further assistance, please do not hesitate to call us at 312-235-3507.