

2026-27 Cost of Attendance Increase Appeal Form

Student Name: _____ **NSHE:** _____

Instructions and Guidelines:

Recognizing that situations arise in which a student's total expenses exceed the standard cost of attendance, the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships may reevaluate a student's cost of attendance associated with supporting the student's education.

Explanation of Circumstances: In the space below please explain what costs you have incurred or will incur in the 2026-27 financial aid year. Please provide any relevant receipts and dates in your explanation. If you need additional space, please attach a separate page.

Appeals are reviewed once all required documentation is received and complete.

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Reason for Increase:



Transportation

Reasonable expenses such as car repair, or unusually high mileage costs for travel to and from school. Transportation allowances are also acceptable for travel related to the death or illness of an immediate family member.



Dependent Care

Dependent care expenses can be accommodated for periods of time including, but not limited to, class time, study time, fieldwork, research, internships, commuting time, and other educational endeavors.



Disability

Includes reasonable allowances for costs associated with the disability if the expenses are not already covered by another organization. Expenses can include, but are not limited to, special services, personal assistance, transportation, equipment, and supplies for the student to attend school.



Personal Computer

This may include a reasonable one-time cost to purchase a personal computer (allowable amount determined by component(s) needed).



Professional Conferences

The cost to attend a professional conference for graduate or undergraduate students when such participation is encouraged or required for their professional development. Registration fees, meals, lodging, travel, etc. are considered acceptable expenses.



Professional memberships/subscriptions

The annual cost of membership(s) to professional organizations, subscription(s) to professional journals, magazines, etc. for graduate students who are encouraged to participate in such activity for their professional development when it is not already included in the standard cost of attendance.



Cooperative Education

Reasonable costs associated with work experience under a cooperative education program. Expenses can include transportation costs, meals away from home, and other costs the student incurs as a result of work experience.



Health Insurance

Reasonable allowances for health insurance costs for you, the student.



Professional Licensure Exams Expenses

Attach documentation listing professional licensure examination costs. Attach documentation of professional licensure exam preparation costs.



Other Expenses

Attach relevant documentation listing other expenses.

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By signing this form, I certify that all information is complete and accurate.

Please sign before submitting. We can accept digital signatures if drawn in electronic form.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature (If applicable): _____ Date: _____