



# Rhodes College

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## Special Financial Circumstances Information 2020-2021 Academic Year

**NOTE:** All students requesting review of current financial aid status based on special financial circumstances **MUST** have completed the 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) incoming students will also need to complete 2020-21 CSS PROFILE. See our website for links to these forms. <https://www.rhodes.edu/forms>

Because certain situations and events can affect a family’s ability to pay for college, it is important that you make us aware of unusual financial circumstances that you believe are not reflected accurately on your need-based forms. *If your 2020-21 Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is currently \$0, this form will not affect your aid and you should meet with a financial aid administrator to discuss your situation.* Please understand that we have limits on what we can do, but we will look at your individual situation carefully and thoughtfully.

The following are **NOT** considered *special financial circumstances*:

- Private elementary or secondary school tuition (unless required by learning disabilities and the like)
- Pending reduction in income due to fluctuating commissions
- Consumer debt
- Refusal of a parent to provide financial support to the applicant/student
- Anything that “might happen” in the future

Following this cover letter is our “Special Financial Circumstances Form” that will assist you in explaining your situation. **Financial Aid reserves the right to request additional documentation such as but not limited to 2019 IRS 1040 form, W-2 form, 2019 Tax Transcript or various tax return schedules for clarification. Consideration of your “Special Financial Circumstance Form” will be pending submission of all required documents.**

The results of this request for special financial circumstances consideration will be based on the individual circumstances outlined in the completion of this form. Students and/or parents will be notified **via email** to parent and student of the appeal decision. Please remember that submission of this form does not guarantee an adjustment to the student’s award.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email our office at [finaid@rhodes.edu](mailto:finaid@rhodes.edu). **Please mail or fax completed form to:**

Rhodes College  
Office of Financial Aid  
2000 North Parkway  
Memphis, TN 38112

Fax: (901) 843-3435  
E-mail: [finaid@rhodes.edu](mailto:finaid@rhodes.edu)

**Financial Aid Office Use Only:**

Initial    Date    Form / Process

\_\_\_\_\_ RNIAPPL-FAFSA all students

\_\_\_\_\_ CSS PROFILE RECEIVED Incoming Freshman Only

\_\_\_\_\_ RRAAREQ-TXSA19 or TXSA19 if Medical Expense

\_\_\_\_\_ RRAAREQ- PW219 or PW219 if Parent Separation/Divorce

\_\_\_\_\_ ROAUSDF-PJ REQ

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## 2020-2021 Special Financial Circumstance Form

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rhodes ID: **R 0 5 5** \_\_\_\_\_

### Section A: Reason for Special Financial Circumstances Review

Following are questions that will help us understand why your household is experiencing a change in financial resources. Please complete all sections that apply to your situation and be sure to attach documentation of change to this form.

#### **Unusually High Medical/Dental Expenses**

Write in the amount paid out-of-pocket in 2019 and expected to be paid in 2019 for medical and dental expenses. Do not include amounts reimbursed by insurance or claimed as deductions on your federal tax form.

Total Paid out of pocket in 2019 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated medical expenses claimed on Schedule A of the IRS tax form 2019 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total estimated to be paid out of pocket in 2020 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**You must provide the following to be considered:**

- **a detailed explanation of the reported expenses**
- **attach proof of unreimbursed expenses (insurance records, your doctor's records)**
- **and 2019 IRS tax form Schedule A (if after Feb. 1, 2020)**

*Complete Sections C, D and E of this form*

#### **Parents' Separation/Divorce or Death of a Parent:**

Complete this section only if your parents separated or divorced after the 20-21 FAFSA was completed OR a parent died after the 20-21 FAFSA was completed.

**For parents' separation/divorce:**

Which parent do you live with? \_\_\_ Father \_\_\_ Mother

Date of separation/divorce: \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year)

**For death of a parent:**

Date of death: \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year)

Surviving parent: \_\_\_ Father \_\_\_ Mother

**You must provide the following to be considered:**

- **a copy of W-2 from current parent.**
- **attach separation/divorce agreement or death certificate.**

*Complete Section B, C, D and E of this form*

#### **Loss/change of job/ reduction of income or benefit:**

Which person experienced a loss of, or changes in, income? *(Check all that apply)*

\_\_\_ Father/Step (Effective date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_) \_\_\_ Student (Effective date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_)

\_\_\_ Mother/Step (Effective date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_)

Reasons for reduction/loss: *(Check all that apply)*

\_\_\_ Job change \_\_\_ Reduced Overtime \_\_\_ Retirement \_\_\_ Termination by Employer

\_\_\_ Termination by agency \_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Lost Benefit (severance): \_\_\_\_\_ Amount received (if any) for the 2019-20 year: \_\_\_\_\_

**You must provide the following to be considered:**

- **Documentation of loss such termination notice.**
- **Last paystub**
- **2019 Tax returns if after February 1, 2020**

*Complete Section B, C, D and E of this form*

**Section B: 2019 Estimated Household Income** (*Submit most recent paystub(s) for 2019; 2019 tax returns if after Feb. 1, 2020*)

You have indicated a decrease in parent income in 2019, please provide the following information:

1. Income earned from **wages** by mother or stepmother from 01/01/19 to 12/31/19 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
2. Income earned from **wages** by father or stepfather from 01/01/19 to 12/31/19 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
3. Mother's taxable **non-wage** income (other than earned wages) expected from 01/01/19 to 12/31/19  
(Unemployment compensation, interest income, severance compensation, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
4. Father's taxable **non-wage** income (other than earned wages) expected from 01/01/19 to 12/31/19  
(Unemployment compensation, interest income, severance compensation, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
5. Parents' untaxed income expected from 01/01/19 to 12/31/19 from the following sources:
  - Deductible IRA and/or Keogh payments \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings). Include untaxed portions of 401(K) and 403(B) plans. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Social Security Benefits \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Child Support received \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Untaxed portions of pensions (excluding "rollovers") \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other untaxed income and benefits (explain and provide expected amount(s), such as worker's .compensation, foreign income exclusion, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2020 Estimated Household Income** (*Submit most recent paystub(s) for 2020*)

You have indicated a decrease in parent income in 2020, please provide the following information:

6. Income earned from **wages** by mother or stepmother from 01/01/20 to 12/31/20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
7. Income earned from **wages** by father or stepfather from 01/01/20 to 12/31/20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
8. Mother's taxable **non-wage** income (other than earned wages) expected from 01/01/20 to 12/31/20  
(Unemployment compensation, interest income, severance compensation, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
9. Father's taxable **non-wage** income (other than earned wages) expected from 01/01/20 to 12/31/20  
(Unemployment compensation, interest income, severance compensation, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
10. Parents' untaxed income expected from 01/01/20 to 12/31/20 from the following sources:
  - Deductible IRA and/or Keogh payments \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings). Include untaxed portions of 401(K) and 403(B) plans. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Social Security Benefits \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Child Support received \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Untaxed portions of pensions (excluding "rollovers") \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other untaxed income and benefits (explain and provide expected amount(s), such as worker's .compensation, foreign income exclusion, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Section C: Statement of Appeal**

Please use this section to provide additional information that you feel will be helpful for Rhodes to know about your situation. *Attach additional pages and documentation to this page as necessary such as explanation of circumstance, anticipated length of circumstance)*

Multiple horizontal lines for providing additional information.

**Section D: Additional Forms**

**What financial aid form(s) have you completed for 2020-21?** *All students requesting review of current financial aid status based on special financial circumstances MUST have completed the 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) incoming students will also need to complete 2020-2021 CSS PROFILE. See our website for links to these forms.*

\_\_\_ 2020-2021 FAFSA Date Completed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 2020-2021 CSS PROFILE (required for freshman only) Date Completed \_\_\_\_\_

**Section E: Contact Information and Certification**

Parent 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing below,** *we (the parent and the student) affirm that the data contained on this form are true and complete to the best of our knowledge. Any falsification of data is an honor code infringement. I further understand that submission of this information does not guarantee an increase in my financial aid package. I further certify that if any information of the above information changes, I will notify the Financial Aid Office in writing of the changes.*

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_