



2025-2026 Request for Special Circumstances

Student Name _____ Parent Name(s) _____
 Student ID _____ Student Phone _____ Parent Address _____
 Student Address _____ Parent City, State, Zip _____
 Student City, State, Zip _____ Parent Email _____
 Student Email _____

Did you file for Special Circumstance Review at Grand View University in 2024-25? Yes No

Financial aid regulations assume that the family has primary responsibility for meeting the educational costs of students. However, Grand View University understands that unusual financial expenses may affect a family’s ability to contribute to the student’s educational costs. The financial aid administrator may consider, under professional judgement, these unusual expenses when awarding financial aid.

For the 2025-26 academic year, financial aid need is based on 2023 income information. You may appeal for changes in income that will occur(ed) in 2024 or 2025 only. There is no guarantee that an appeal will result in an adjustment of your financial aid. All aid awarded as a result of adjustments is contingent upon the availability of funds. Generally, funds available include a Federal Pell Grant, Iowa Tuition Grant if eligible, and Federal Direct Loans.

If you or your family has experienced unusual circumstances, please complete this form and submit any required documentation to the Financial Aid Office. Return completed form with all documentation required to: Grand View University, Financial Aid Office, 1200 Grandview Ave, Des Moines, IA 50316. Please allow 3-4 weeks for processing. Incomplete documentation may add additional processing time.

INCOME REDUCTION

If your family is experiencing a reduction in 2024 or 2025 income, please explain the situation below (attach additional pages, if necessary) including the date(s) of the change in your situation:

Anticipated incomes for 2025 (do not leave blanks, if the answer is none, write zero – 0):	Parent 1	Parent 2	Student/Spouse
Estimated taxable income for Jan – Dec 2025 (wages, salaries, tips, severance pay, disability pay)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Estimated untaxed income for Jan – Dec 2025 (untaxed social security, child support, welfare, payments to tax deferred pensions plans)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Current net worth investments, including real estate (not including your primary residence)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Current net worth of business and/or investment farms (do not include a farm that you live on/operate)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Documentation Required

- 2025-26 Verification Worksheet – available in the Financial Aid Office
- 2023 and 2024 signed federal income tax returns for student and parent
- a copy of the most recent pay stub(s) confirming year-to-date earnings listed above
- verification of actual social security, unemployment benefits, workers compensation benefits, disability payments, etc.

UNUSUAL MEDICAL EXPENSES

Please indicate the amount of out-of-pocket medical/dental expenses below.

How much did you pay out-of-pocket for insurance premiums in 2024? \$ _____

How much did you pay out-of-pocket for medical/dental expenses not covered by insurance in 2024? \$ _____

Will your unreimbursed medical/dental expenses be lower, the same, or higher in 2024? Why?

Documentation Required

- 2025-26 Verification Worksheet – available in the Financial Aid Office
- 2024 signed federal tax return(s) including Schedule A – Itemized Deductions
- if Schedule A was not filed, then please submit receipts or copies of cancelled checks to support out-of-pocket medical expenses paid in 2024

PARENTS IN COLLEGE

List below parents who are admitted into a degree or certificate program leading to a recognized educational credential on at least a half-time basis.

Name of Parent	Age	Relationship	Name and Address of College
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Documentation Required

- 2025-26 Verification Worksheet – available in the Financial Aid Office
- 2024 signed federal tax return(s)
- copy of the letter from the college stating that the parent is admitted into a degree or certificate program
- a copy of the pre-enrollment registration proving half-time enrollment (typically six credit hours for at least one semester) for Fall 2022 and Spring 2023
- the number of credits the parent will take for the academic year, the costs per credit hour for the courses, and a listing of the amount of aid, including employer reimbursement and loan amounts

UNUSUAL INCREASE IN INCOME

Please explain the unusual increase in 2023 income and why income cannot be used for educational expenses.

Documentation Required

- 2025-26 Verification Worksheet – available in the Financial Aid Office
- signed federal tax return(s) for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 including supporting schedules to show usual amount of gross income

OTHER

Describe below. Please provide us with as much detail as possible regarding your situation and how it has affected you financially. Also attach a completed verification form and signed 2023 federal tax returns and any supporting documentation that confirms your statement.

CERTIFICATION

The information listed on this form is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge. I understand that knowingly giving false information will result in a review of my financial aid eligibility. If anticipated income was used to determine aid eligibility, I may be asked to submit 2024 federal tax returns when completed. Adjustments in 2025-26 financial aid may be made if anticipated information differs significantly from actual information.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Spouse Signature (for married students) _____ Date _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY-COUNSELOR/COMMITTEE DECISION:

Approved Denied Reason _____

Signature _____ Date _____