Financial Aid

2025-2026 – Student Unusual/Other Circumstance

How to submit:

Upload: financialaid@pia.edu
Fax: 412-466-0513

It was indicated on the FAFSA that you have an unusual circumstance. Some additional information is needed before we can take next steps on determining your financial aid eligibility. We understand it can be challenging to answer questions of this nature. But please provide any information that applies, so we can see how we might help. **Please provide all available third party supporting documentation for your situation. Preferably on letterhead from references in a professional capacity such as counselors, clergy, social workers, physicians, etc.**

If you answer yes for #1 and/or #2, please complete the personal statement in section #3.

Student Last Name	Student First Name	Student ID Number (or last 4 of SSN)
_____	_____	_____

1. Homeless or Risk of Being Homeless

At any time on or after July 1, 2024, were you, the student, unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

☐ Yes ☐ No (If no, skip to **2. Unusual Circumstance** section.)

If yes, has an official professional determination been made by an objective third party?
(Such as a worker of an emergency shelter, youth center, high school or district liaison, or project supported by a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program, or a financial aid administrator at another institution?)

☐ Yes (If yes, please send your supporting documents.) ☐ No

If no, do you request our office to assist with making a determination? Please note that we will need to complete the federally required process that involves an interview and your completion of this form & written statement.

2. Unusual Circumstance

Do unusual circumstances prevent you from contacting your parent(s) or would contacting your parents pose a risk?

☐ Yes ☐ No (If no to both this and **1.Homeless**, skip to **4. Unsubsidized Loan Only** section.)

If yes, please check any that may apply: ☐ Abusive/threatening environment; ☐ Abandoned by or estranged from parent; ☐ Have a refugee/asylee status or parent is displaced in a foreign country; ☐ Victim of human trafficking; ☐ Student or parent incarcerated; ☐ Unable to contact or locate parent & have no knowledge of their whereabouts.

3. Personal Statement Please complete if you said yes to either #1 or #2 above.

Please provide an explanation of your situation below. Include any specific dates for key events, where you have lived, names/relationships of key individuals, and sources of income or financial support. Please provide at least a paragraph, or up to 1 page. You may attach a separate document or provide your statement by e-mail to financialaid@pia.edu. Please indicate in your e-mail that your statement goes with this form and how you submitted your form. **Please provide all available third party supporting documentation.**

4. Unsubsidized Loan Only (Normally applies only if you answered no to both #1 and #2.)

Are your parent(s) unwilling to provide their information or consent to be a contributor on the 2025-2026 FAFSA, and you don't have an unusual circumstance such as those above in #1 or #2 that prevent you from contacting them?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, then you will only be eligible for federal direct unsubsidized student loans and institutional merit aid. We will not be able to determine eligibility for other federal aid programs, or any federal/institutional need-based aid.

If no (to #1, #2, and #4), and your parent(s)/contributor(s) have not already updated your FAFSA to provide their information and consent to provide information, then you will need to work with your parent(s) on completing the required steps. Please see: https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/parent-info
(Please note that if these steps do not occur, you will only be considered for merit-based institutional aid and potentially only federal unsubsidized loans.)

By signing this form, I certify all information reported on this form & within any enclosed documentation is complete & correct.

_____ _____
Student Signature Date

(ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES NOT ACCEPTED. Please print & sign in ink, scan as a PDF, and then upload or fax.)

For FA Administrator use only: (Form last updated 02/10/2025)

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