



2026-2027 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 2025-26? ☐ 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 2026-27 academic year, financial aid need is based on 2024 income information. You may appeal for changes in income that will occur(ed) in 2025 or 2026 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 2025 or 2026 income, please explain the situation below (attach additional pages, if necessary) including the date(s) of the change in your situation:

Anticipated incomes for 2026 (do not leave blanks, if the answer is none, write zero – 0):	Parent 1	Parent 2	Student/Spouse
Estimated taxable income for Jan – Dec 2026 (wages, salaries, tips, severance pay, disability pay)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Estimated untaxed income for Jan – Dec 2026 (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

- 2026-27 Verification Worksheet – available in the Financial Aid Office
- 2024 and 2025 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 2023? \$ _____

How much did you pay out-of-pocket for medical/dental expenses not covered by insurance in 2025? \$ _____

Will your unreimbursed medical/dental expenses be lower, the same, or higher in 2025? Why?

Documentation Required

- 2026-27 Verification Worksheet – available in the Financial Aid Office
- 2025 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 2025

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

- 2026-27 Verification Worksheet – available in the Financial Aid Office
- 2025 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 2023 and Spring 2024
- 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 2024 income and why income cannot be used for educational expenses.

Documentation Required

- 2026-27 Verification Worksheet – available in the Financial Aid Office
- signed federal tax return(s) for 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 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 2024 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 2025 federal tax returns when completed. Adjustments in 2026-27 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