



2023-24 Reconsideration of Need Appeal Form

STUDENT NAME _____ STUDENT ID _____

A reconsideration of need appeal is appropriate when the amount of income that you, your spouse, or your parent(s) reported on your FAFSA has changed considerably due to a documentable special circumstance that occurred.

Deadline for appeal:

First Monday in August for students starting in the fall term or the first Monday in December for students starting in the spring term.

Your appeal will not be reviewed until the following documentation has been received and processed by the Financial Aid Office.

(Additional documentation/clarification may be requested by the Financial Aid Office.)

- 1) 2023-24 FAFSA application
- 2) Signed copy of 2021 federal tax return including all schedules
- 3) 2023-24 Household Size Verification form
- 4) 2023-24 Asset Form

Please check the option(s) that best describe(s) your situation	Documentation Required
_____ My own, my spouse's, or my parent(s)' employment income has changed considerably	- Personal statement detailing the current situation and the prospects for employment changes in the near future. - Documentation verifying the change in employment income such as a termination or layoff notice (if applicable). - Last pay stub showing year to date earnings and a pay stub from new employment (if applicable). - Documentation of all unemployment benefits if not reported on tax return (if applicable). - You may also be asked to provide a copy your 2021 W-2s/1099 forms, and/or your 2022 tax returns, including all schedules.
_____ I, my spouse, or my parent(s) have/has unusually high unreimbursed, non-elective medical or dental expenses	- Personal statement detailing your circumstances. - Medical Expense form with supporting documentation. - A copy of your 2022 tax return, including schedules, may be requested.
_____ I, my spouse, or my parent(s) lost untaxed income or benefits such as child support	- Personal statement explaining circumstances. - Documentation showing amount received. - Documentation showing the benefit is no longer being received and date ended.
_____ I, my spouse, or my parent(s) have/has elementary or secondary tuition	- Personal statement addressing the reason the student must attend a private institution vs. a public institution. - Receipts showing amounts of elementary/secondary tuition paid and for whom the tuition was paid for the calendar year.
_____ I, my spouse, or my parent(s) have a loss of income and/or assets due to reasons beyond their control (i.e. death, natural disaster, etc.)	- Personal statement explaining circumstances. - Relevant documentation showing unreimbursed loss (i.e. death certificate, documentation from insurance company showing fire loss not covered, etc.)
_____ I, my spouse, or my parent(s) have/had a conversion of traditional IRAs to Roth IRAs in reported tax year	- Signed personal statement describing reason for request. - Copy of 2021 Federal income tax return showing conversion.

Only complete and signed appeals will be considered. Appeals are reviewed on a case by case basis and may take 3 weeks to process. The approval of an appeal does not guarantee additional financial aid. Appeal decisions will be emailed to student's [Fort Lewis College email](#). In order for us to discuss or confirm information with the parent listed below, related to this request, a FERPA release will need to be on file. All decisions are final.

I/we certify that all information I/we included in this appeal is true and accurate.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spouse/Parent Signature (if applicable): _____ Date: _____