

**Q) I'm having a difficult time affording college. What can I do?**

**Complete a 2025-2026 FAFSA Application**

If you haven't already, students should [submit a 2025-2026 FAFSA](#) in order to explore financial aid options for the 2025-26 academic year (Fall 2025 and Spring 2026). The 2025-2026 FAFSA uses information from Tax Year 2023. Within 2-3 weeks, the Financial Aid Office will contact the student (via UWGB email account) with a financial aid offer or next steps.

**Q) I completed the 2025-26 FAFSA, but my (or my family's) 2023 income was higher than my 2024 income. What can I/we do?**

**Complete a 2025-2026 Reduced Income Appeal Form**

For students or parents who may have had a job loss or significant reduction in income between 2023 and 2024, the Financial Aid Office offers a [Reduced Income Appeal Form](#). The completed form should be returned to the Financial Aid Office, along with signed copies of 2024 federal tax returns and any supporting documentation that may be helpful in reviewing the appeal. More information can be found by clicking on the link to the form.

**Q) I completed the 2025-26 FAFSA, but my/our change in income occurred in 2025. What can I/we do?**

**Contact the Financial Aid Office**

For students or parents who may have had a temporary or permanent job loss or other significant reduction in income during 2025, the Financial Aid Office has a separate appeal process. We will review every appeal, but it may be difficult to accurately estimate income for 2025. For that reason, we generally do not consider such requests **until July**, and we may request end of year tax documents before making any adjustments.

In order to allow us to assess your unique situation, you'll want to contact the Financial Aid Office at [financialaid@uwgb.edu](mailto:financialaid@uwgb.edu). Please provide information regarding your situation and request to appeal using estimated 2025 income. If you can, gather copies of the following documents (as applicable):

- Job termination or layoff notice
- Most recent or last pay stub for 2025
- Unemployment benefits received in 2025
- Severance package details
- Other taxable and untaxable income sources and amounts for 2025 (such as child support, interest income, pension, etc.)
- Physically signed copies of 2023 and 2024 federal tax return pages 1-2 and Schedules 1, 2, and 3, if filed

Contact the Financial Aid Office at [financialaid@uwgb.edu](mailto:financialaid@uwgb.edu) or 920-465-2075 with any questions.