

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

**Complete a 2024-2025 FAFSA Application**

If you haven't already, students should [submit a 2024-2025 FAFSA](#) in order to explore financial aid options for the 2024-25 academic year (Fall 2024 and Spring 2025). The 2024-2025 FAFSA uses information from Tax Year 2022. 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 2024-25 FAFSA, but my (or my family's) 2022 income was higher than my 2023 income. What can I/we do?**

**Complete a 2024-25 Reduced Income Appeal Form**

For students or parents who may have had a job loss or significant reduction in income between 2022 and 2023, 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 2023 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 2024-25 FAFSA, but my/our change in income occurred in 2024. 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 2024, the Financial Aid Office has a separate appeal process. We will review every appeal, but it may be difficult to accurately estimate income for 2024. 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 2024 income. If you can, gather copies of the following documents (as applicable):

- Job termination or layoff notice
- Most recent or last pay stub for 2024
- Unemployment benefits received in 2024
- Severance package details
- Other taxable and untaxable income sources and amounts for 2024 (such as child support, interest income, pension, etc.)
- Physically signed copies of 2022 and 2023 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.