

## Special Circumstances: What If My Income Has Changed?

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **1. *I had a change family circumstances or income, what should I do?***

Through a Special Circumstances appeal, the Financial Aid Office can update the adjusted gross income and taxes paid data fields on the FAFSA, due to a change in a family's income or circumstances. Students and families must document the change to those items, which often requires copies of tax returns, paystubs or unemployment records as well as an institutional form.

If you think this applies to you, please reach out to [FinancialAid@LBC.edu](mailto:FinancialAid@LBC.edu) for more information.

#### **2. *Will my change in income result in more aid?***

That depends. Because the review of the special circumstance is specific to each individual case, there is no guaranteed outcome, however the financial aid office will review your request thoroughly and you will be notified of the results.

Our Office is required to have full documentation, so be sure to submit ALL needed letters, forms, and copies of income verification listed.

We have a simple tool below that to help you determine if a special circumstance appeal is best for you. After reviewing the tool, if you see a reduction, then complete and submit the form with all the required documentation. Please note, this is an example only of reduction of income, and there are other circumstances which may warrant an appeal or result in a FAFSA change.