

Student with Dependent(s)

Students who have child(ren) or legal dependent(s) under the age of 18, that live with them, and provide more than 50% of their financial support between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, may be eligible for an increased Cost of Attendance (COA) budget and additional financial aid.

If you have legal dependents over the age of 18, live off campus, and have costs that exceed your cost of attendance, request a [Special Circumstance – Cost of Attendance Appeal \(COA\)](#).

Request the Student with Dependent(s) form via your [Document Submission Tool](#) account. Once you are logged on, you may request the form by selecting the “Manage Requests” button.



Then select the “+” for Student with Dependent(s) under the applicable school year.

Manage Requests

You can request to open an appeal or upload a specific document or close the request if you no longer wish to proceed. If you are unsure which award year to choose for a request, please confirm with your school.

Request Type	2025-2026
Professional Judgment: Unusual Circumstance Appeal	<div>+</div>
Professional Judgment: Special Circumstance - SAI Appeal	<div>+</div>
Professional Judgment: Special Circumstance - COA Appeal	<div>+</div>
Student with Dependent(s)	<div>+</div>

When requesting the form, enter a brief explanation for the request. A quick statement is OK.

Add Request

Student with Dependent(s) -- 2025-2026

Please explain your reason for this request.

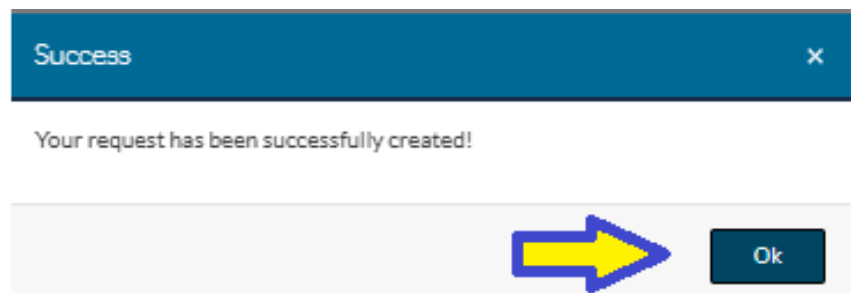
(support my child more than 50%)

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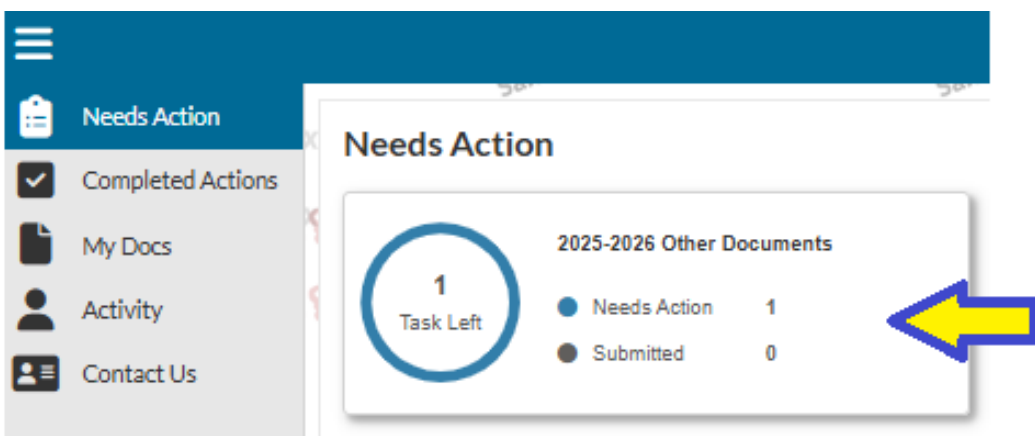
Submit

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Click "OK."




Select "2025-2026 Other Documents" to complete the Student with Dependent(s) form.




Open the Student with Dependent(s) task and click "Fill Out."


2025 - 2026 Other Documents

 Student with Dependent(s)

Your aid application suggests that you may have one or more children or other legal dependent(s). If it is confirmed that you provide more than half of their financial support during the academic year, you may qualify for an increase to your Cost of Attendance, which could allow for additional loan eligibility.

I support my child more than 50%.

 Student with Dependent(s) ?



Fill Out

Under “Selection,” review the instructions and select the statement(s) that best describe your situation. Then select “Continue.”

Selection

Family size is now determined by the number of exemptions and dependents reported on your tax return. As this information is no longer collected through the aid application, we are required to obtain the following details directly from you. Parenting students with legal dependent(s) refers to students who provide support to children or other individuals, excluding a spouse.

Parenting students with minor dependent child(ren) may be eligible for an additional allowance for Food and Personal Expenses. The information submitted on this form will be used to identify your dependent child(ren) and other legal dependent(s) for whom you will provide more than 50% of financial support between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

Note: If you are married, you and your spouse are considered one household when determining support for your child(ren) and/or legal dependent(s).

Select the statement(s) that best describes your situation:

- ☐
- I have a child or children who live with me and will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.
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- ☐
- I have legal dependent(s) who live with me and will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.
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- ☐
- I do not have child(ren) or legal dependent(s) that will receive more than half of my support from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Continue →

Under “Family Size,” list the people in your household, including yourself, spouse, dependent children, and/or other individuals if they live with you, receive more than half of their support from you, and will continue to receive more than half of their support during the award year.

Use the “Add” button to include additional household members.

Family Size

List below the people included in the student's updated family size. Include:

1. The student
2. The student's spouse
3. The student's dependent children if the following are true:
 - They live with the student (or live apart because of college enrollment);
 - They receive more than half of their support from the student; and
 - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year (July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026)
4. Other people if the following are true:
 - They live with the student;
 - They receive more than half of their support from the student; and
 - They will continue to receive more than half their support from the student during the award year (July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026)

Note: The provided criteria for "dependent children" or "other persons" align with the requirement that family size align with whom the student could claim as a dependent on a U.S. tax return if the student were to file a U.S tax return at the time of completing the 2025-2026 aid application. As a result, the student should not include any unborn children in the family size.

First Name	Last Name	Relationship to Student	Date of Birth	Supported More than 50%	
King	Triton	Self	01/01/1995	Yes	<div>Edit</div> <div>Delete</div>
Prince	Triton	Child	01/01/2024	Yes	<div>Edit</div> <div>Delete</div>

Add

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Continue →


Once all member(s) are added, select “Continue” and sign the form.

Upload any required supporting documentation by pressing “Upload” and then “Add Page(s)” for more than one document.

Child(ren)

If you have child(ren), upload all birth certificates under **Dependent Child(ren) Documentation 1.**


- If your dependent(s) are your biological, adopted, or stepchild(ren), upload copy of the birth certificate(s).
- If your dependent is not your biological, adopted, or stepchild(ren), and you have legal guardianship, upload a copy of the legal guardianship paperwork naming you as their legal guardian.

 Dependent Child(ren) Documentation 1 

  Upload

If you have child(ren), upload one of the following under **Dependent Child(ren) Documentation 2.**

- A letter from an official at your dependent's school verifying that you have custodial responsibility and that your dependent lives with you.
- Evidence that your dependent lives with you. This could include a lease in your name for 2024 or 2025 with your dependent(s) listed on the lease. All pages of the lease are required.
- Documentation from a social services agency for 2024 or 2025. The documentation must list the names of all household members.
- Other documentation: Provide a signed statement explaining your circumstances and provide copies of your supporting documentation.



 Dependent Child(ren) Documentation 2 

  Upload



Other Legal Dependent(s)

If you have legal dependent(s), upload two of the following under **Legal Dependent(s) Documentation 1 and 2**.

- A letter from an official at your dependent's school verifying that you have custodial responsibility and that your dependent lives with you.
- Evidence that your dependent lives with you. This could include a lease in your name for 2024 or 2025 with your dependent(s) listed on the lease. All pages of the lease are required.
- Documentation from a social services agency for 2024 or 2025. The documentation must list the names of all household members.
- Other documentation: Provide a signed statement explaining your circumstances and provide copies of your supporting documentation.

 Legal Dependent(s) Documentation 1 

↑ Upload

 Legal Dependent(s) Documentation 2 

↑ Upload

Click “Submit” and “Finish” once all tasks have been completed.

You will receive an award notification email once your financial aid offer is available or if additional information is required.