



New Student Financial Aid Appeal Form 2023-24

Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Email Address: _____

Amount Requested: _____

Russell Sage College is committed to offering the best financial assistance package from the onset. However, we recognize that students and their families sometimes have extenuating circumstances that are not accounted for on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Therefore, we will evaluate aid packages on a limited basis that meet one or more of the circumstances listed below. Please note that if your FAFSA was selected for verification, you must complete the verification process in order for the appeal to be reviewed.

Circumstances for Financial Aid Appeal (check all that apply):

- Received higher institutional awards from comparable four-year, private, not-for-private institution. Please provide copies of financial aid offer letters from the colleges you would like us to review. The submission of competitor financial aid offers does not guarantee approval.
- Loss of Job (Special Circumstances Appeal Form may be emailed to you)
- Loss of Untaxed Income or Benefit (Special Circumstances Appeal Form may be emailed to you)
- Divorce or Separation (Special Circumstances Appeal Form may be emailed to you)
- Death of Parent or Spouse (Special Circumstances Appeal Form may be emailed to you)
- Permanent Disability of a Parent or Spouse (Special Circumstances Appeal Form may be emailed to you)
- One-time Income (Special Circumstances Appeal Form may be emailed to you)

- Unusually High Medical and/or Dental Expenses not paid by health insurance or reimbursed by a health savings plan – if amount is 11% of Adjusted Gross Income (Special Circumstances Appeal Form may be emailed to you)
- Child and Dependent Care Expenses (Special Circumstances Appeal Form may be emailed to you)
- Other reason(s) not listed

Circumstances that will not be evaluated:

- Personal debts, such as credit cards, car or home loans, and other consumer debt are not eligible for consideration, as they are debts of choice rather than extraordinary circumstances.
- Prior or concurrent education loans for the student, siblings or parents will not be considered, nor will the prior or concurrent cost of private or secondary schooling for the student or siblings.
- Fluctuations of income caused by self-employment, sales commissions, bonuses, overtime, gambling or seasonal employment.
- Business losses and net operation loss carryovers are already built in the aid formulas based on your tax information and will not be considered.
- Bankruptcy or tax liens will not be considered as an extraordinary circumstance.

Certification Statement

I certify that the information provided above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

(Required if parent’s information was reported on FAFSA)

All appeals should be addressed to the Appeals Committee with a letter of explanation, supporting documentation and a copy of this application to finaid@sage.edu. The Committee responds to all correspondence within a reasonable period of time (generally within two weeks of receipt, unless additional documentation is required). You will be notified of the committee’s decision via the email address you provided on this form.

As a NCAA Division III member, student athletes will receive no additional consideration for aid based on their athletic ability.